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Citizen Potawatomi Nation files lawsuit requesting action for detachment

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has filed a lawsuit in Pottawatomie County District Court requesting action on a detachment petition initially filed with the City of Shawnee on Sept. 10, 2014. CPN requested formal detachment of only tribal land after City officials began claiming these properties were inside the city’s jurisdiction in an attempt to collect sales tax.

“The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is not within the City of Shawnee, but because they have claimed jurisdiction for the purpose of making us their tax collector, we chose to follow their ordinance for a formal detachment,” said Tribal Chairman John Barrett. “The Tribe has tried to resolve these issues without litigation, but the City has failed to comply with the state and local requirements set for detachment.”

The petition for detachment filed by Citizen Potawatomi Nation was rejected by the Shawnee City Clerk on Oct. 4, 2014, claiming that the Tribe was not the legal

owner of the property because of its status as federal trust land.

A letter on Oct. 6, 2014, from Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs Kevin Washburn states that tribes are the owners of trust land.

“Indian tribes are the beneficial owners of land held for them in trust by the United States. As such, tribes enjoy full and exclusive possession, use, and enjoyment of trust lands. Further, tribal governments exercise jurisdiction over trust lands, and trust lands are generally exempt from the jurisdiction of local and state governments, except where Congress has specifically authorized such jurisdiction,” Washburn states in the letter.

In its lawsuit, the CPN also requested that the courts grant permanent injunction enjoining



Shawnee City Hall has been the site of much contention in the past year.

the City of Shawnee from submitting future detachment petitions to a vote of the people. The previous City Commission voted to submit all detachment issues to a vote of the people on Aug. 4, 2014. The ordinance, introduced by Commissioner Keith Hall, was narrowly passed along with the assistance of lame duck City Commissioners, resulting in a special election

scheduled for Nov. 4, 2014.

“The previous City Commission passed that ordinance in an attempt to pre-empt the newly elected City Commission after the candidates who opposed the city’s jurisdictional overreach defeated the incumbents who had supported it,” said Barrett. “Furthermore, this ordinance is not in compliance with the statutes set forth by the State of Oklahoma and will

become a tremendous burden to the taxpayers of Shawnee. While this ordinance was aimed at tribes, the ramifications of it will impact taxpayers in this town for decades to come. I can assure my fellow Shawnee citizens, this won’t be the last lawsuit they’ll have to pay to defend against.”



Tribal Judge Phil Lujan honored for time in the courtroom

When an email arrives requesting a decades-old article be found where an individual is referred to as “the hammer of justice,” a certain interest is piqued. This reference centered on the career of CPN Chief District Judge Phil Lujan, who was recently recognized by two separate organizations for his service to the law in Indian Country.

In late September, the National American Indian Court Judges Association presented Judge Lujan with a lifetime achievement award.

Weeks later, the AARP recognized Judge Lujan’s years of work in the courtroom as well. The enrolled Kiowa and Taos Pueblo descendent was honored at the group’s 2014 Oklahoma Indian Elders annual event for his work in establishing the first District Court of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Lujan’s service as a Magistrate for the Court of Indian Offenses for the Anadarko Region and courts of federal regulation in the Seminole, Chickasaw and Anadarko agencies was also recognized by the AARP.

The acknowledgments come as a sign of merit for the Mountain View, Okla.-native’s career in helping to develop the structures of the rule of law in Indian Country.

“I was full of oats or beans, one of the two,” Lujan stated, recalling his early days as a law school graduate out of the Indian Law Center. “When I started, it was the genesis of what Chairman Barrett means when he says, ‘without law, tribal council meetings are a family reunion gone bad’.”

Though times are more stable now, with legislative and executive elections occurring with little animosity, there were instances in the past where Tribal politics lead to standoffs between factions in



Chief District Court Judge Phil Lujan.

what was then the Citizen Band of Potawatomi. As tough as those times could be though, Lujan has always been able to keep a sense of perspective. Lujan experienced trying times before donning the judicial robes, serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War

Timing is everything to Lujan, who like many men of his generation, can still recite his U.S. Selective Service number in a manner which sounds strikingly like it was rehearsed in Iambic pentameter. Whether it was his induction into the U.S. Army at the height of the Vietnam War, his placement at the University of New Mexico Law School by chance of a scholarship for Native American law students, or his presence in Oklahoma when federal courts wiped clean the established practices of law in Indian country, Lujan associates his path with being in the right place at the right time.

A graduate of Washburn University

of Topeka and law school at the University of New Mexico, Lujan was teaching at the University of Oklahoma prior to the change in Indian law following the late-1970s White Eagle case. For decades, Oklahoma had contended that Courts of Indian Offenses, originally established in 1886, no longer existed because tribes retained no authority over their former reservations. However, in the White Eagle case, Indian law experts discovered Oklahoma’s 1907 state constitution never established state power over Indian country. A federal court agreed.

“Like throwing a switch, the whole topography of Indian law in Oklahoma changed dramatically in less than a few months,” explained Lujan.

What emerged was Code of Federal Regulations 25, subsection 11.102. As explained in layman’s terms by Lujan, “Where there is no law and order, the Bureau of Indian

Affairs could establish courts of Indian offenses for the benefit of Indian people.”

This provision led to the re-establishment of these misdemeanor courts specifically serving the state’s Native American population. Though Indian courts have their critics, their existence is keeping with the sovereign status of tribes as viewed by the U.S. government. These courts can take into account cultural nuances, especially in family matters, where a state or local court cannot.

Short on funding but long on qualifications and interest in the new venture, Lujan was convinced to serve as prosecutor to the court by mentor Browning Pipestem, an Otoe and Osage tribal member who would serve as magistrate in the newly established court.

“I was what you called a hippy Indian lawyer at that time, so I was up for something new,” said Lujan.

“Browning and I paid for our own gas and lunches and we travelled quite a bit to get the courts going. But those experiences provided me an arena to practice my trade as a lawyer and then a magistrate. But it all happened because I was in the right place, Oklahoma, at the right time.”

Lujan spent five years as prosecutor prior to donning the robes as a magistrate in 1985. By this time, court officers had begun receiving a monetary compensation for their time. As was the norm for spending in Indian country at that time in American history, the funds were less than substantial.

“Oh it was money,” said Lujan. “Enough to buy you a lunch.”

Paid lunches weren’t the only result of his work in the Indian offenses court though. During this time Lujan continued to work at the University of Oklahoma as an assistant professor. The longer his judicial career went on, the more often disgruntled patrons of the court pressured the university to fire him.

“Again it was all about timing for me. At that time OU was rehabilitating their image with Native Americans. They once had a habit of hiring East Coast anthropologists and academics who came into the state, used the tribes for their studies and then never spoke with the tribes again. By the time I got there, the dean realized that firing me over something they saw as a civic service might be a bad idea,” Lujan added.

His seat on the court of Indian offenses, though named for the town in western Oklahoma, encompasses the Shawnee-Tecumseh, Okla. areas, including the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

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Wadase relaxes, perched out front like she has been here every day.

At the time of the last Wadase Zhabwe update, Wadase was heading further north from the area she had been consistently staying near Ponca City, Okla. on the Salt Fork River and further from home on September 14. We had to wait three very long days to check telemetry to find out where she might be headed. We now know she stopped just a little over four miles from the town of Blackwell and spent a few days there on the Chikaskia River. After that she began working her way back south.

She spent the next few days stopping off along rivers she passed along the way until the evening of September 19 she stopped near Harrah on the North Canadian River, about 20 miles northwest of the CPN Eagle Aviary. That was the closest she had been since June 23.

To say that we were excited would be a great understatement. We scanned the skies each day looking for her and every large bird in the sky got our full attention. After a few days we decided we couldn't wait any longer and it was time to go look for her but before we could load all the camera gear up and go a small kettle of birds caught our eye. At first inspection it was just turkey vultures.

We did notice though, that one larger bird was flying higher than the rest. As they approached, it changed direction and dropped lower until it was clear that it was no vulture. Wadase was home!

She circled the aviary pasture dropping lower with each wide turn and easily glided down to the pecan tree out front and landed on her old

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favorite perch. She surely must think that the two people she so often sees here at the aviary are crazy since we were running around like mad, scrambling for the camera and binoculars. She looked incredible. She has now completed her molt this year and for a wild eagle she is in nearly feather perfect condition. No more unsure landings banging up her tail and wing feathers.

She spent the better part of that day roosted out front and shortly after 5 p.m. she headed towards the river to roost. There have been very few days that we haven't seen her on the property since her return and most mornings she is waiting on top of the aviary for breakfast at the very first light. However, after looking at the recent telemetry, we know she made a few trips away from the aviary with some quite remarkable data to show for them.

She flew back to the Salt Fork River where she had been staying but came back the following day. Her telemetry path there and back was just over 200 miles round trip. She had made shorter trips, as well, near Harrah, where she had stopped for a bit before coming home. Of course, she also spent some time on the river near the Iron Horse Bridge. Today she is in the Dale bottom on the North Canadian River just north of the Grand Casino. This is the longest

stretch of time she has stayed in the area near the aviary since last winter and that is a good indication that this will be her winter territory. We couldn't be happier.

But apparently we aren't the only ones. We noticed several migrant bald eagles in the area and Wadase had successfully run off a pair that were trying to roost in the aviary pasture, but there was one small male that stayed. He perched in the cotton wood tree out front and she made a direct flight towards him. At the very last second he ceded his perch for his own safety as she came in, talons first, just missing him.

Wadase was very vocal and initially disapproved of his presence but he has been persistent and stayed close by. Often he would perch in the opposite tree line where he could keep an eye on her and each time she moved he would move to keep sight of her. She has started to tolerate him perching high in the tree above her and she has followed him curiously when he has gone across into the east pasture to roost. Although it is a bit early for Wadase to choose a mate, it certainly is possible. The male appears to be about four years old,

indicated in the few dark streaks in his tail feathers and while his head is not completely white.

If our estimation is correct, he would be just beginning to find a mate himself. He is a beautiful, healthy bird and a brave one from what we have seen. He will have to be if he is going to completely win Wadase over. We feel privileged to have the opportunity to continue to document and share all of this as she matures, as it is a rare opportunity we may never experience again.

To follow her movements with us you can visit arcgis.com/home and search for "Potawatomi eagle."

For more information, or to read previous updates, please visit <http://www.potawatomi.org> and search the site for Wadase or visit <http://www.potawatomi.org/about-wadase>.



Preparing to land on her crook.



Wadase's male suitor. He is slowly ingratiating himself with her.



Judge Lujan participates in the Gourd Dance prior to Grand Entry at the 2014 Family Festival.

Lujan continued...

This proximity resulted in Lujan's initial affiliation with CPN and the Iowa Nation, who during the mid-1980s, shared a court system.

When he began his term as CPN District Court Judge in 1985, factionalism and electoral disputes were a paramount concern for the Tribe. More than thirty years in that position have provided him with numerous examples of CPN's progress in establishing its current form of government. One instance stands out to him though, which Lujan identified as the first step in the Tribe's maturation as a stable Tribal government.

Weeding in his garden one afternoon in the late 1980s, Lujan received a call from police officers from the Bureau of Indian Affairs. During a tribal council meeting, a dispute over leadership erupted and separate factions had barricaded themselves inside different parts of the old tribal headquarters. Judge Lujan, still wearing his dirt soiled gardening clothes, secured the public announcement system of the building and had the BIA police officer read a statement.

"Judge Lujan and the court have taken over this meeting, and it is suspended. It will resume in the tribal court in two hours!"

"The Potawatomi are an

interesting people," said Lujan as he recalled the day's events. "Some tribes might keep fighting, but upon hearing that announcement they all stopped and headed to the court."

As Lujan and many Potawatomi in leadership positions then and now recall, it was the first step in many in which the governing structure of the Tribe was established. Judge Lujan, with representatives from each faction, examined the Tribe's governing documents to establish the correct leadership according to the law.

"There was an ignition point where things could really get bad," said Lujan. "That is why, as Chairman Barrett says, we must have a law to govern ourselves'."

So while the Tribe and its elected government have rightly been praised by organizations like Harvard University's Governing Nation's Project, without the work of competent judicial officials like Lujan, the foundation upon which the Tribe currently operates might not exist. A glance at some of the state's less functional tribal governments is a testament to that.

Thirty years after his career in the courts began, Lujan emphasized that he'd do it all over again as he reflected over the recent recognitions by the AARP and NAICJA.

"It's an easy answer. I know it sounds corny, and I don't mean it this way, but everything worked out because I happened to be in places where I could be part of something historic happening."

Attention to all CPN members with a registered CPN tribal tag

If you have a tag that is faded or damaged, please contact the staff at the CPN Tag Agency. We will be happy to replace your tag and update your registration with a new tag. If your personalized tag is faded, we will need to order your replacement immediately. The month due will remain the same as your previous tag. If you need to renew your tag, please have your current insurance available. Please remember that all tags not in use must be returned to the CPN Tag Agency. We



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One hundred and sixty-six years ago marked the beginning of the forced march of the Potawatomi from Indiana to “unorganized territory” in Kansas. The march would become known as the Trail of Death due to the loss of life and culture along the way. The more than 660 mile march took months to complete through some of the harshest weather and terrain in America. Here are the accounts of a Trail of Death eye witness, Jesse Douglas, in hopes of giving a small glimpse of the hardships faced by the ancestors of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

“The accumulation of business, together with the discharge of a number of troops in service, rendered it necessary that we should remain in camp a day or so—beside which the weak condition of many of the emigrants demanded rest.

During the evening a woman and a child died. A child was also born today. The health of the emigrants continues very bad. Scarcely a day but new cases are reported.

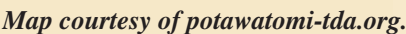
In the main however, a daily improvement may be calculated upon. Dr. Jerolaman, the physician to the emigration arrived in camp today and commenced the discharge of his dut[ies]. He is assisted for the time by Dr. James H. Buell of Williamsport, Ia. whose services were enlisted during the absence of Dr. Jerolaman. In their report of today they say, there are at this time sixty-seven sick—of that number there are forty-seven cases of intermittent fever—thirteen of continued and three of diarrhea, and two of scrofula. Of the whole number eight may be considered dangerously ill. Provisions and forage still continue to be scarce.”



“In order to pass Springfield at as early an hour as possible, we rose before light, and at 8 o’clock were on our way. The Indians amongst whom a degree of pride was excited, arranged themselves into line, and with an unusual display of finery and gaudy trumpery marched through the streets of Springfield.

The wayfares were covered with anxious spectators, so much so indeed as to threaten for a time to impede the progress of the Emigration. We passed clearly through however, and that too without the detention of a single Indian.

At three we reached our present Encampment, McCoy's Mills, distant from last night's camp seventeen miles. This morning, Dr. Jerolaman on account of his continued indisposition, requested leave to remain in Springfield a few days to recruit. Permission was granted. Our march today was through a very dry region of country. We are now encamped on a stream affording little water."



"At 8 o'clock we left our encampment and entered the prairie at Sidney. The day was exceedingly cold. The night previous had brought us quite a heavy rain, and the morning came in cold and blustery. Our journey was immediately across the prairie, which at this point is entirely divested of timber for sixteen miles. The emigrants suffered a good deal, but still appeared to be cheerful. The health of the camp continues to improve—not a death has occurred to-day, and the cool bracing weather will go far towards recruiting the health of the invalids.

A wagoner was discharged today for drunkenness. Dissipation is almost entirely unknown in the camp.

T o n i g h t ,
however, two
Indians were
found to have
posse s s e d
themselves of
liquor and
b e c o m e
intoxicated.
They were
arrested and put
under guard.
Some six or
eight persons
were left at
Davis's Point.

this morning, for want of the means of transportation. They came in this evening. We are at present encamped at Sidoris's Grove, sixteen miles distant from Sidney. Water quite scarce."

“At 9 this morning, we left Pyatt’s Point, Ill. (the encampment of



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yesterday) and proceeded down the Sangamon River 15 miles, to the place of our present Encampment, Sangamon Crossing.

Physician reports 'there have been two deaths since my last, and the situation of several of the sick is much worse. I would recommend that twenty-nine be left until tomorrow.'

At the suggestion of Dr. Jerolaman twenty-nine persons were accordingly left behind with efficient nurses.

They will join us tomorrow. We find a good deal of difficulty in procuring wagons for transportation—so many of the emigrants are ill that the teams now employed are constantly complaining of the great burthens imposed upon them in the transportation of so many sick.

Subsistence and forage the same as yesterday. A child died during the evening."

“We struck our tents at 8 this morning, and prepared for a march. Owing to the very great curiosity manifested by the citizens generally, Judge Polke, after being solicited, marched the emigration into the square, where we remained for fifteen or twenty minutes.

Presents of tobacco and pipes in abundance were made by the citizens to the Indians, who appeared quite as much delighted with the favor shown them as with the excellent music of the band which escorted us around the square. We continued our journey, and at three o'clock reached our present encampment about sixteen miles from Jacksonville.

The day was excessively warm and the dust very afflicting, added to which water was scarcely to be found on the route. Provisions and forage we find in considerable quantities, without difficulty."

Abram Burnett, later a leader of the Potawatomi in Kansas, was a member of the 1838 Trail of Death.

“Left our encampment at 8 o’clock in the morning and proceeded on our route. The sick appear somewhat recruited. Owing to the indisposition of our physician no report has been made since Monday. We have reason to believe that the health of the camp is returning.

The weather still continues delightful—the roads, however, are again becoming dusty. Provisions and forage seem not so scarce as farther back.

The country through which we are now passing is more thickly settled.... Distance travelled today fourteen miles. We are now encamped near Decatur, Ill. Forty miles from Springfield. A child died after dark.”



“Left Exeter encampment at a little before 8 o’clock, and without any occurrence of note reached the Illinois River at about 11, nine miles distant from last night’s camp. Preparations were made for ferrying the river, and we embarked in keel and flat boats directly after our arrival.

The day was spent in crossing and re-crossing the stream, and by 9 p.m. we succeeded in landing the last of the baggage wagons. We are now encamped on the opposite shore from Naples, where we shall perhaps remain to-morrow, to recruit the fatigues of the last few days. A child died directly after our arrival at the river."



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“Early in the morning we left Island Grove—travelled over a dry prairie country, seventeen miles, we reached our encampment, near Jacksonville, at 3 o’clock in the afternoon. Nothing occurred during our march save that a child fell from a wagon, and was very much crushed by the wheels running over it.

It is thought the child will die.

Tonight some of the chiefs reported two runaways, who left this morning. During the evening we were much perplexed by the curiosity of visitors, to many of whom the sight of an emigration or body of Indians is as great a rarity as a travelling Caravan of wild animals. Late at night the camp was complimented by a serenade from the Jacksonville Band."

Read more journal entries:
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culture/trail-of-death](http://www.potawatomi.org/culture/trail-of-death)**

CPN friend and employee Michael Dodson walks on

A message from the Hownikan staff: On Oct. 21, the Citizen Potawatomi Nation lost a great employee and better friend. KGFF News Director Michael Dodson, longtime Editor of the *Hownikan*, walked on as this edition of the paper was being compiled.

Michael, an alumnus of Purcell High School and the University of Oklahoma, was first and foremost a journalist at heart. Though he served as CPN Public Information Director for many years, his true passion was in reporting the news. Whether it was his presence on the scene in the hours after the April 19, 1995, Oklahoma City Murrah Building bombing, or his telling of the under-reported stories of Indian Country on *The Native American Speaks*, Michael was there to inform us of the news that needed to be heard.

Though fiery in defense of his political views, Michael was as compassionate a person that ever walked this earth, loving the exchange of ideas with those who disagreed with him as much as with those who shared his values.



Michael and his grandson.

He was also an impassioned advocate of the good news happening in Indian Country, both on *The Native American Speaks* and in the *Hownikan*. He ceaselessly guided us towards stories and accomplishments of Native Americans with ties to CPN and the surrounding tribes of Oklahoma and he was always proud of his own citizenship in the Muscogee (Creek) Nation.

It is truly sad to realize that we

will no longer be blessed with his presence or see his face light up as he shows off pictures of his grandsons, his most cherished pastime just ahead of listening to Minnesota Twins games. CPN and the staff of the *Hownikan* wish his family well in these sad times, but also want to thank them for allowing us to know this caring man.

Michael, you will be missed.



Michael Dodson during his time as CPN's Director of Public Information.

Zientek leads tribal emergency response experts in talks with FEMA

In 2004, CPN Public Safety Director Tim Zientek met with fellow emergency management personnel from Oklahoma's other Native American tribes. It was a time of coinciding circumstances for many Oklahoma tribes, as tribal governments began to develop emergency response services of their own. Long reliant on outside entities like local, state and federal authorities in their time of need, tribal emergency response officials like Zientek came to one stark conclusion as they sat across the table from one another in 2004.

"We realized, after talking about our experiences, that in the event of a disaster on tribal land, tribes could not rely on anyone but themselves in the immediate aftermath," recalled Zientek.

The reasons for this isolation have more to do with jurisdictional overlap rather than apathy on part of state and local authorities. Tribes operate in a unique system of self-governance delegated by the federal government, local, state and federal agencies all have differing standards of what constitutes a disaster. Trying to get all three of those entities to coordinate is a difficult task on tribal land, where jurisdictional questions can lead to more red tape. These concerns manifest themselves worse in times of emergencies, when the fog of war can disrupt effective communications.

The results from that 2004

discussion developed into the Intertribal Emergency Management Coalition, or ITEMC.

"Whenever a disaster hits, ITEMC members are our primary contacts. Our first calls out are to other tribes, and vice versa," explained Zientek.

In May 2013, CPN members were especially hard hit by tornadoes and flooding, resulting in ITEMC's response capabilities being put into action. In the aftermath of the May 19 tornado that destroyed substantial portions of property lying in the CPN Tribal jurisdiction, Zientek estimates that six of his first ten phone calls came from fellow ITEMC members asking what they could do to assist the rescue and recovery efforts.

ITEMC has also been at the forefront of changes in federal emergency response policies through FEMA's tribal consultation policy, of which Zientek has been a leading advisor. With 32 members ITEMC has increasingly been the unifying voice in which tribes communicate with local, state and federal emergency management personnel after years of neglect. ITEMC has hosted two listening sessions with FEMA officials where tribal emergency management officials explained tribes' point of view in how to best prepare and deal with disasters.

One tribal suggestion regarded FEMA's policy regarding when to consult with tribes concerning policy changes. The policy's



When not in conferences with FEMA officials, Zientek can often be found in the field like in September when he personally delivered emergency water supplies to the town of Konawa.

original language meant the agency would only consult with tribes if FEMA itself determined that the changes might have an impact on the tribal government.

"Basically it allowed FEMA to decide how it was impacting tribal governments, and not the other way around," said Zientek. "On any policy or procedure changes, FEMA had placed the onus on themselves to let tribal governments know when something would impact them. This policy was one instance where we (ITEMC) brought that to the table and told them, 'This is wrong. The tribe should decide this,' and they put a procedure in place that allows that input from tribes."

Another change was ITEMC's push to have FEMA and other agencies meet face-to-face with tribes regarding emergency response preparedness. As Zientek explained, tribal governments across the U.S. have varying capabilities, including technological and logistical challenges, which do not always make a telephone call or video chat with Washington D.C.-based officials practical. FEMA has subsequently made the effort to personally meet with tribes across the U.S. on emergency response preparedness.

Amendments in 2013 to the Stafford Act changed both how tribes respond to disasters, but also improved relations with the

state. Prior to the amendments, tribes had to first go through a state and then federal government process to have an area of tribal land declared as a disaster area. The Stafford Act allows tribes to go directly to the federal level, saving on time and bureaucratic burdens on part of the tribes and states in which they are based.

"The changes in the Stafford Act initially met with opposition from states, who would lose some funding. However, the relationship between Oklahoma and tribes has taken a huge turn for the better since the creation of the coalition for the simple reason that state officials only have to speak with one body, ITEMC."

Zientek is the only tribal representative that sits on FEMA's Region Six Advisory Council, a testament to his and ITEMC's growing reputation in the national emergency response sector. While the investment in emergency preparedness can be daunting, especially when looking at the funds a tribe will spend up front, the Pottawatomie County-native insists that like all investments, preparation is an investment that pays off when necessary.

"Emergency management is a cost to the tribe," said Zientek. "But when you look at the costs associated with a disaster hitting tribal lands or infrastructure, without an emergency management program in place, it will cost a tribe much more in the long run."

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The U.S. Military is made up of five organizations that instill pride in their members because of history, mission, capabilities and respect earned in the service of the Nation. That pride is seen in the customs, courtesies and traditions of the military service.

Customs are established practices of things you should or should not do. Some of these customs are written regulations and others are not, but they are all to be obeyed just the same.

For example: never criticize your service or leaders in public, never go over the heads of your superiors (chain of command), never offer excuses, never avoid saluting officers or participating in raising or lowering of the flag.

Courtesies are vital in maintaining discipline in the military. It means good manners and politeness in dealing with people. Enlisted personnel are expected to be courteous to officers, and officers are expected to be courteous to the enlisted.

The salute is widely misunderstood outside the military. It is not a gesture of servility, but an expression of recognition of each other's membership in the profession of arms.

Enlisted servicemen and women salute all officers, and all officers salute senior officers. A salute is also rendered when the National Anthem is played, at changes of commands and funerals, when pledging allegiance to the U.S. flag (and veterans can hand salute during this pledge), when boarding or departing a naval ship.

There are many other customs and courtesies that are too numerous to list here, but are learned through living with them during military service. As veterans we remember these with fondness and pride.

One Tribal member learning of these traditions is Choctaw, Okla. native Caleb Jay Anderson. Caleb is in his third year at the U.S. Naval Academy and is a Midshipman 2nd class. We thank Caleb for his service and wish him the best of luck in the upcoming academic year.

Don't forget we have our Vietnam War Era Veterans Memorial Banquet coming up in 2015. It is to honor the Citizen Potawatomi Nation men and women who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Vietnam War Era (5 August 1964 to 7 May 1975).

Members of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation who were in the military during that time and would like to attend this Memorial Banquet please see the ad next to this column.

Remember the CPN Veterans Organization meets every month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. (or as soon as you can get there) in the North Reunion Hall on the Potawatomi Powwow Grounds. All CPN veterans and their families are welcome.

Migwetch!
Daryl Talbot, Commander

ATTENTION

CPN VIETNAM VETERANS

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The CPN Veterans Organization is seeking members of the armed forces who served from **August 5, 1964 – May 7, 1975** in preparation of organizing a Vietnam Era Veterans' Banquet.

In future editions of the *Hownikan*, a list of all members will be published. If you fit the criteria but do not see your name, please contact CPN Legislator David Barrett (dbarrett@potawatomi.org).

Please send inquiries to Commander Daryl Talbot (talbotok@sbcglobal.net) or CPN Legislator David Barrett.

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Annual activities include:
December parties for the kids,
a cancer society fundraiser and a Veterans Day celebration dinner in November.

Welcome home, Jim



Jim McClung and Penny Coates.

The United States has been engaged in combat operations in the Middle East and Afghanistan since 2001. Tens of thousands of service men and women have been deployed to these areas of operation since the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and yet the War on Terror continues. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation Veteran's Wall of Honor shows the vast majority of those who've enlisted over the years. Many at CPN know fellow tribal members who have served the country.

For CPN Gift Shop Manager Penny Coates, knowing someone only begins to touch the surface.

Her son, U.S. Army Warrant Officer James McClung, is a UH-60M Pilot-in-Command and Aviation Mission Survivability Officer. Based out of Fort Campbell, Ky. he serves with C

"Being in MEDEVAC is much like being a fire fighter," said McClung. "We can get a call anytime day or night, and we have to respond whether we are asleep, in the shower, in the restroom, eating a meal or any other thing you could imagine doing during the day."

He spent four years as an enlisted soldier and earned the rank of sergeant before submitting his application packet for the Warrant Officer Flight Training program. Once McClung was accepted he began learning everything he needed to know about being an Army Aviator.

After basic helicopter controls and maneuvers, the Army flight students move on to the instrument phase. This is where McClung began to see the realization of his longtime dream of flying helicopters. At the final stage of becoming an Army Aviator, McClung went on to the advanced air frame selection where graduates choose from the Blackhawk, Apache, Kiowa or Chinook helicopters.

"It was my dream to fly the Blackhawk, so that is what I chose," said Chief Warrant Officer McClung.

When he received his orders home, Coates began planning a celebration for his return. She organized the party for family and close friends to welcome back the honored soldier.

"When he's over there it feels like you're holding your breath," said Coates. "Once he gets back, it's like you can breathe fresh air again."

Along with the party, Coates held a naming ceremony in her son's honor where she named him "Jeegwe Bonse," which means "Thunder Hawk."

"Coming home was a great feeling," said McClung. "There are the challenges of adapting to the living conditions and schedules of a home I haven't seen in nine months, as well as getting to know my wife and stepson again."

McClung continued, "There were parts of the ceremony that I definitely wasn't prepared for, but it was a very moving and emotional love-filled ceremony that I will never forget. I take a great deal of pride in being a CPN member and feel extremely fortunate to be a member of a tribe that not only cares for its members but cares for its veterans as well."

Are you a Tribal Vet?

Learn about our services:
<http://www.potawatomi.org/services/veterans>

Substance use disorders: a real but treatable phenomenon



CPN Behavioral Health Services has options for those in need of assistance, both on site and in terms of recommendations to outside entities.

For an issue so prevalent in American society, what is commonly known as substance abuse is a difficult issue to address. The challenge stems from the issue being widely misunderstood. Unlike cancer or pneumonia, it is one of the few recognized diseases which carries a stigma of embarrassment or shame. In recent years though, both the medical and mental health fields have made an effort to alter that perception by changing the term to substance use disorders in the DSM-5 Manual, the mental health sector’s preeminent text.

“The thing to remember is that you are not alone if you are experiencing a substance use problem,” explained Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle, Behavioral Health Coordinator for Citizen Potawatomi Nation Health Services.

According to the 2013 National Survey on Drug Use and Health an estimated 22.2 million adults were classified with a substance

use disorder, also known as SUDs. 8.4 million had co-occurring SUDs with an accompanying mental health issue, while 10.8 million American workers have a SUD.

Staff members at the CPN Health Services Behavioral Health program like Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle are at the forefront of the issue, diagnosing and treating patients from all walks of life.

“It is so common that most people are either directly impacted by a substance use disorder or know someone who is either in an active addiction or in recovery from the disease,” said Dr. Stumblingbear-Riddle. “As in many communities with major health disparities, substance use disorders also impact Native American communities.”

The rates facing Indian Country are stark in comparison to that of the United States average. Native Americans adolescents have a higher rate of past cigarette use than the country average by more

than 6 percent, cannabis use by more than 6.5 percent and prescription drug abuse nearly doubling the national average.

When it comes to illicit drugs and alcohol, 18 percent of Native American adults required treatment compared to the 9.6 percent nationally. The causes of addiction are varied as well, meaning that just saying “no” is not as simple as it sounds. Chances of addiction increase when there is a family history of substance use disorders, other mental health issues such as depression, anxiety and posttraumatic stress disorder, chronic health problems and traumatic events.

Yet these factors can be addressed with the help of mental health professionals.

“The good news is that substance use disorders are preventable, treatable, and people do recover,” she emphasized. “A mental health professional can help you develop a treatment plan to assist in your

recovery or the recovery of your loved one. It isn’t a one size fits all approach either. There are different levels of care depending on the severity of the substance use disorder.”

Before one can get help, the first step is in identifying a substance use disorder. Typically the disease does not appear out of the blue, but develops as a pattern of repeated use of a substance, legal or not.

“For many, problems start as a habit that becomes more frequent and difficult to stop. Eventually this can progress into addiction, and as alcohol or drug use increases, a person finds it more difficult to not use those substances without experiencing withdrawal symptoms. Also, it’s important to remember many people use alcohol or drugs as a form of self-medication.”

There are a number of signs that could indicate a substance use problem or disorder. These include cravings of alcohol or drugs, a need for a larger quantity of alcohol or drugs to get desired effect, health, legal and relationship problems or a person’s withdrawal from normal social circles.

In teenagers and youth, the signs can manifest in problems at school, loss of interest in normal activities and friends or changes in appearance.

Help is out there though. For those living in the Tribe’s jurisdiction, the CPN Behavioral Health Clinic offers outpatient individual therapy and group therapy for substance use disorders. The clinic currently has three

substance use groups who meet Mondays and Wednesdays at 10 a.m. and on Tuesdays at 4 p.m.

Starting November 13, another group will be available on Thursdays at 4pm. For more information, call 405-214-5101.

For those outside of the Tribe’s immediate area, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services provides a wealth of information and resources.

For more information on resources in addressing substance use disorders, whether in Oklahoma or around the country, please see the below list of organizations.

- Alcohol Anonymous (AA), Narcotics Anonymous (NA), Al-ANON and ALATEEN. AA and NA meetings provide support for people with substance use disorders. Al-ANON and ALATEEN help people who have loved ones who have substance use disorders. Meetings are available throughout the day. Check your community for meeting times.
- Oklahoma Tribal Resource Guide
- Gateway to Prevention and Recovery 405-273-1170
- Norman Addiction Information and Counseling (NAIC) 405-321-0022
- The Referral Center for Alcohol and Drug Services of Central Oklahoma 405-525-2525
- National Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) www.samhsa.gov
- 24/7 Treatment Referral Line 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Avoid overeating this Thanksgiving

The holidays are known for having an abundant amount of comfort foods, desserts and snacks. Food is one of the best ways to bring families together during the holiday season, but can have the side effect of extra inches on your waist. This holiday season; think twice before going back for a second plate of food and stay on track with healthy eating habits. CPN’s Healthy Heart Coordinator and Dietitian, Torie Fuller MS RD/LD, offers tips and insight on how to enjoy the foods that come with the holiday season while keeping off that extra weight.

“A multitude of health implications happen when you overeat,” explained Fuller. “The holidays are a prime time to add to health problems when you stuff yourself. Blood sugar levels can easily spike, heart rates can drastically change and headaches from a lack of nutrients can ensue.”

When it comes to cooking, consider incorporating healthy alternatives to traditional meals. Regular green beans can be a good substitute to the creamy green bean casserole. Passing up butter for olive oil can make a meal lighter and healthier. Getting a

plate full of vegetables first will help fill up your stomach and avoid overeating heavy fat laden foods. Try drinking reduced-fat egg nog instead of regular whole fat.

Fuller continued, “Being healthy doesn’t mean you have to give up the foods you love. Look up healthy recipe alternatives to the traditional meals you’re used to. Try using reduced or non-fat options in your meals. If you want to try everything, only get one plate and only get a tiny bit from each dish that is served at your family’s dinner.”

After your meal, suggest a family walk or encourage others to go play football outside. These heart healthy exercises will help work off a big meal.

“Losing weight and keeping it off is 80 percent eating healthy and 20 percent exercising,” explained Rochelle Plummer MS RD/LD CPN Diabetes Dietitian.

If thinking about kick starting a new healthy lifestyle and eating habit, start this holiday season with the tips offered and not as a New Year’s resolution. For more information please contact Torie Fuller at tfuller@potawatomi.org.



Visit our YouTube page: CPN Hownikan

You can learn more about healthy eating, tribal culture and other CPN-related news.

ENJOY THE HOLIDAYS

WITHOUT ADDING EXTRA POUNDS

THINK SMALL

Use smaller plates and bowls. Have only one plate of food.

EMBRACE THE SEASON

Choose foods you don't have all the time.

VEG OUT!

Fill at least half your plate with vegetables & fruit.

LIGHTEN YOUR FOOD

Opt for low-fat dairy or lean protein products when cooking.

GRAZE

Eat throughout the day instead of saving your calories for one meal.

Get Moving!

Fit physical activity into holiday events to burn calories. Try a family football game, active holiday games, a group walk to see neighborhood lights, etc.

Do it Yourself!

Bring a healthy dish so you know you can make at least one healthy choice.

Step Aside!

When you've had enough, move away from your plate and the food area.

Take Your Time!

Savor your favorite holiday foods.

TAKE STOCK

When holiday cravings hit, stop and ask yourself, "Am I really hungry?"

Housing Department’s one-time grant program going strong

By Sherry Byers,
CPN Housing Authority

By the end of 2015 the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Housing Department will have achieved a 15-year milestone with its one-time grant program. Evolving over the course of that time, the one-time grant program has assisted many Citizen Potawatomi Nation Tribal members with funds for their down payment or closing costs that are associated with the purchase, construction or refinancing of a home.

In addition to assisting individual Tribal members with this program, CPN would also like to see the Citizen Potawatomi Nation’s First National Bank and Trust Co., benefit by originating the mortgage loans. FNB is able to offer most loan programs, like other lending institutions, with the exception of loans that are affiliated with predatory lenders.

Despite the program’s success over its 15 years, there are still many CPN members out there uninformed about this program and the services of the Tribal-owned FNB. Our office receives calls daily from tribal members who never knew of this grant or that the Tribe owns their own bank.

All Citizen Potawatomi Tribal members are eligible for this grant one time only. The maximum amount available is \$2,125, which does not have to be repaid. This program cannot be used for any type of mobile home and the home being purchased must be the primary residence of the signer. It is not available to convicted felons or any household where felons reside. Finally, a Tribal member’s name must be on the loan.

To apply, the following information is required:

- Copy of borrowers CPN membership card

- Copy of the “Good Faith Estimate” from lender
- Income verification for all household members (last 3 to 4 pay stubs or if same employer for years the last two years of tax returns)
- Name of the Closing Entity (Title Co., Escrow Co., Attorney, etc.)
- Completed W-9 form
- Copy of Appraisal when available

The application and support information is required in the CPN Housing Department’s office at least three weeks prior to the closing date. This gives our office enough time to get the paperwork processed and the check mailed back to the tribal member by the specified date.

To request the application and/or general information regarding the One Time Grant, please contact Sherry Byers, Homeownership



Loans and financing options are available, but the first step is getting in touch to find out your options as a Tribal member.

Manager at 405-273-2833 or at sbyers@potawatomi.org. Co., please contact Jeff Scroggins, Mortgage Loan Officer at 405-275-8830 or 800-227-8362.

For information regarding loan products and lending requirements at First National Bank and Trust

CPN emphasizing the ‘community’ in community garden



Fuller and Dr. Mosteller getting in some early autumn weeding at the garden.

The garden will provide the area with fresh fruits and healthy vegetables. It will also provide a place for those interested in giving back to the community, both in a practical and cultural sense and was named “Bodewadmi Widoktadwen Gtegan,” literally meaning “Potawatomi Community Garden.” Dr. Mosteller and CPN Dietitian Torie Fuller MS RD/LD established the garden in order to incorporate ways for the programs they teach to be more engaged with the community.

The duo pooled funding from several grants to help develop and start the garden. Fuller, who used money from the Notah Begay III Foundation Capacity Building Grant and Healthy Heart grants as part of her work as the Tribal dietitian, wanted to partner youth she works with alongside her elder program patients. The garden will serve as an intergenerational tool for elders to teach youth the importance of farming and agriculture.

“Many of the youth have never helped care for a garden,” said Fuller. “You would be surprised that most of them don’t even know where their food comes from. We’re hoping this might help them try new healthy foods because they helped cultivate the garden.”

Dr. Mosteller, added the CSA in the grant she acquired for the Potawatomi Cultural Mentorship Program. The garden is meant to encourage the youth to become a vital link in preserving knowledge of traditional foods and what they mean to Potawatomi culture.

“We encourage anyone to come out to the garden to help, learn and interact with the community,” said Mosteller.

For more information on the CSA garden at Citizen Potawatomi Nation, please contact Torie Fuller at tfuller@potawatomi.org, or Dr. Kelli Mosteller at the CPN Cultural Heritage Center at 405-878-5830.



A pumpkin begins to sprout at the community garden.

Native American culture, at its roots, is centered on tightly knit communities that work together for the good of the community. Stories from across the continent recount how Native Americans lived off the land, wasting little. Those same principles are being revitalized by Native American Tribes across the country. With more tribes looking to add community activities and concepts of healthier living to their communities, CPN has decided to join in by bringing a Community-Supported Agriculture garden to

the area.

A CSA is an alternative way for community members to experience what it’s like to maintain a garden and also provide for the community. Individuals working at a CSA work together to build, maintain and share the fruits of their labor.

“It’s all about giving people around here the reason to come together, share and embrace our idea to bring the community together through a wonderful opportunity,” said Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Director of the CPN Cultural Heritage Center and a leading Potawatomi gardener in her own right. “In Native American culture, a community garden isn’t just a project; it’s a way of life.”

Greene settling in as new coordinator of FireLodge Youth Council

Regardless of the generation, the future of the nation’s youth is always a concern. The opportunities they receive rely solely on the structure and guidance provided by society. Developing new and innovative ways to instruct this precious resource is a must to keep youth on the right path to adulthood. One individual with a wealth of experience in this regard is Shawnee, Okla.’s Darin Greene. Recently named the new Coordinator of FireLodge Youth Council, Greene has 30 years of teaching and coaching youth in and around Pottawatomie County.

Greene has worked for the Tribe for eight years as an employee at the Grand Casino Hotel and Resort. While he was off the clock there, Greene spent a lot of time volunteering or working at a youth facility, a role he has done for the past three decades.

“I’ve worked or volunteered everywhere when it comes to youth,” explained Greene. “The YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, juvenile alternative schools and many more. This is something that I have a passion for and enjoy doing.”

Along with being the new Coordinator at FireLodge Youth Council, Greene runs his own youth program in Shawnee, the Oklahoma Supreme Mentoring Program. Like FYC, the program offers the opportunity for kids around the area to get after-school care and tutoring. A three-sport athlete in high school, Greene also passes along his knowledge of softball and basketball to students as coach and commissioner of the North Canadian Athletic Association.

At FYC, Greene plans to implement many new and different facets to the program.

“Every month we are going to be celebrating different cultures and awareness for the kids to help broaden their horizons,” said Greene. “We’re also going to travel to OU and OBU games for all of their different sports.”

The Clinton, Okla.-native met his wife Robin while working at the Sac and Fox Nation Youth Program. The couple has two girls and a boy. His son currently plays football at Oklahoma Baptist University. With 20-plus years in Pottawatomie County, Greene has planted his roots in the community and says he is excited to start his new position.

“It’s an honor to be here and work for CPN,” said Greene. “I can’t wait to watch these kids grow up and I’m excited for what the youth and me and my staff have in the future.”

For more information please contact the PLACE at 405-214-5110.



Darin Greene.

District 1 – Roselle, Ill.



District 1 Legislator Roy Slavin and Patricia Myers – Furthest traveled, over 500 miles.



Tese Arenz – Youngest.



Bob Pearl – Wisest.



District 3 Legislator Bob Whistler and Victoria Hansen – Youngest.

District 2 and 3 – Houston, Tex.



The Houston meeting held a hand games competition, officiated by District 2 Legislator Eva Marie Carney.



Marlin Macon – Furthest traveled.



Rae B. White – Wisest.

Lewisville, Tex.



Impromptu hand games competition officiated by District 3 Legislator Bob Whistler.



Ashley Barshaw – Furthest traveled.



Birthday girl and meeting attendee, Ashleigh Snells.



Marge Hobdy – Wisest.



Lily Mitchell – Youngest.

New Braunfels, Tex.



Dorothy "Dot" Bryan – Wisest.



Chrissy Thompson – Youngest.



Nancy Cleveland – Furthest traveled.

District 3

Abilene, Tex.



Kevin Holloway – Furthest traveled.



Kathy McCoy – Youngest.



Ralph Holloway – Wisest.

District 4 – Rossville, Kan.



Sister Virginia Pearl from Concordia, Kan. – Furthest traveled.



Judy Hill – Wisest.



District 4 representative Jon Boursaw and Nickolas Decker – Youngest.



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People of the Fire

Meet your legislator: District 10's David Joe Barrett

Some Tribal officials are harder to pin down than others when it comes to interviews. Near the top of this list is District 10 Legislator David Barrett. The process of completing this article, almost a year in the making, reflects a distinct Potawatomi trait to which Language Director Justin Neely often refers.

“Humility is one of the Seven Grandfather Prophecy teachings. We are just a cog in the wheel of life, no greater or smaller than any other thing on Earth. Potawatomi are supposed to be humble and not want to draw attention to their accomplishments,” said Neely.

Yet speaking about one’s life and family is also a key trait in keeping the close knit, yet always growing, CPN community together.

Barrett was born into that somewhat scattered community in Tecumseh, Okla. in the mid-twentieth century, a time when Tribal affiliations were not widely discussed. A lifelong Bethel Acres, Okla.-resident, with the exception of his time in the U.S. Navy, Barrett’s connections with the Tribe mirror that of fellow members of his generation.

“Growing up, I knew I was Potawatomi. But I went to high school at Tecumseh, and many of us Potawatomi didn’t know about one another,” he explained.

Amongst some Potawatomi descendants, Native American lineages were kept private by many members after decades of forced assimilation by the U.S. Government and state-run institutions. Though Barrett knew of his descendancy from the Boursaw family, a full connection to what was then known as the Citizen Band Potawatomi was years away.

Following his graduation from Tecumseh High School in 1966, Barrett attended Murray State Junior College before completing his BA in Accounting with a minor in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Oklahoma. A Selective Service lottery number helped shape Barrett’s next few years after graduation from OU.

“My draft number was so low,” recalled Barrett. “So I enlisted in the U.S. Navy, where I served as an electronic radar technician on the USS Durham LKA 114.”

The Durham, an attack cargo ship, patrolled the Pacific during the Vietnam Era. The ship stopped in ports as far afield as Da Nang, Vietnam, Iwakuni, Japan and Sydney, Australia.

Following the ship’s return from the western Pacific, Barrett married wife Connie on Dec. 11, 1971. The newlyweds lived in San Diego until Barrett’s service on board his ship ended in Aug. 1972.

Returning to Bethel Acres, Barrett finished his Navy duties in Dec. 1975. The Barretts began their family, first with the birth of Allison in 1977. Chad followed soon after in 1979.

Finally out of the service, Barrett went to work using his college degree and a personal attention to details. He worked for a number of businesses in Oklahoma City and the Shawnee, Okla.-areas, including Worthington Pump Corporation. During this period, Barrett also completed an MBA with honors from Oklahoma City University in 1982.

As Barrett explained of his professional skills, “I was good at the most boring job there is; cost accounting!”

Developing ways to cut costs and boost profits, Barrett served as a financial controller for companies like OLG Propane, Golf Corporation and L&S Bearings to name a few. Working on a term-limited basis, Barrett would help raise profitability before moving on to another business to start a similar project.

In addition to these roles, an entrepreneurial streak took hold and Barrett set out on his own. Looking at each opportunity as a self-sufficient pension plan, he was the owner of a Kansas-based overhead door business, sold mobile homes and even bought rental properties, a few car washes and mini-storage businesses, which he still owns today.

According to Barrett, his success in these ventures was in large part due to his wife of 42 years, Connie.

“Investing in those private businesses allowed me to work as a financial controller while allowing my wife to run and oversee our other projects. Without her, none of it would have happened.”

Barrett’s attention to detail as a professional is also what initially reconnected him with CPN. Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, then working at Gordon Cooper Technology Center in Shawnee, knew of Barrett’s accounting background and asked him to become a board member of the newly purchased First National Bank and Trust Co., the CPN-owned bank.

His six years of service on the bank board led to his June 2005 election to the CPN Grievance Committee, a forerunner to the current three branch system of the Tribal government.



Barrett conducted his first naming ceremony with the CPN Veterans, including brother Robert, this summer.

“I’ve never been a ‘yes man’, and Vice-Chairman Capps knew that when she asked me to sit on the bank board. I took the same attitude to the grievance committee. My time there resulted in me really reading our governing laws to make sure we followed them.”

When the government moved to the current system in 2008, with a 16 person legislature, Barrett carried on with his service, this time being elected as a District 10 legislator. He resigned the bank board position to pursue this next endeavor.

“I thank Ms. Capps for encouraging me to run for that first grievance committee seat and to be more involved in our Tribe. The grievance committee was a thankless job,” says Barrett with a chuckle, “but I wouldn’t have exchanged one moment by doing anything else. In going to the legislature, I wanted to use my professional experience to advance our Tribe’s goal of being on sound financial ground.”

Barrett also serves as the Treasurer for the CPN Veterans Organization and is an active member of that group’s Color Guard and Honor Guard. He is also a member of the National Congress of the

American Indian.

It’s a full slate of CPN-related tasks for an individual that admittedly knew little of his Tribal-affiliation growing up. Reflecting on his service to CPN, which only began at the turn of this century, Barrett is thankful he has played a part in the Tribe’s well-known reputation. As he sees it, his role in the Tribe’s highest elected body is to foster an environment that wasn’t available to him as a young man.

“My utopia as a Potawatomi is to demonstrate, educate and live my native life in order for my children, grandchildren and others to observe our Potawatomi culture from me.”

Like many Tribal members of his generation who had to seek out knowledge of their heritage later in life, Barrett encourages those wanting to become closer to the tribe to follow his and others’ examples.

“All they need to do is ask and I will find the answers or offer in the direction of the search for them to the best of my abilities,” said Barrett.



Connie and Dave with grandkids Kyla, Drake and Eastyn.

CPN Legislative update: November 2014

At the Sept. 16, 2014 legislative meeting, a host of resolutions and amendments to CPN laws were addressed. Most prominent was the passage, with all sixteen votes of the legislature, of the CPN budgets for the fiscal year 2015.

An ordinance amending the Juvenile Code and Indian Child Welfare to provide a logical sequence of preference in foster child placement was passed with no dissenting votes. The legislature also approved the appointments and terms of office for the CPN Floodplain Management Board.

Transportation infrastructure updates were also on the agenda, as the legislature voted unanimously on three separate issues revolving around roads in the CPN. The first was a resolution supporting the addition of new routes to the Tribe’s Road Inventory Field Data System. A second resolution updated the Tribal Transportation Program Transportation

Improvement Plan and a submittal of the plan to the Federal Highway Administration. The legislature also adopted the Transportation Safety Plan of the CPN.

In Tribal election news, Gary Bourbonnais was re-confirmed to the CPN Election Committee as Chairman by a full vote of the legislature.

Representatives also approved delegates and membership dues to two important national bodies in Indian Country. Delegates and membership dues were appointed to the National Congress of American Indians and for the Tribe as well as a full member of the National Indian Gaming Association.

FireLake Arena, FireLake Corner Store and FireLake Discount Foods were all approved that licensing designates each as potential gaming locations within the CPN.

Two tribal citizens were granted the voluntary

relinquishment of their CPN membership. Two other tribal members were approved for conditional relinquishments of their CPN membership.

The number of incoming members was significantly higher than those leaving, with 289 new applicants being formally inducted into the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

On Aug. 25, the CPN Legislature was called for a special session. All legislators and executive members were present.

The brief meeting was called to specifically address Resolution 15-18-HHS, which approved a settlement agreement for unpaid contract support costs from Indian Health Service. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The meeting adjourned following the vote.



The 2014-15 CPN Legislature.

Boursaw secures correct spelling for Bourbonnais Creek

Peter Bourbonnais was an entrepreneur. He owned a saw mill, trading post and toll bridge that crossed a creek along the Oregon Trail in north-central Kansas. That same creek still runs today between the towns of St. Mary's and Rossville in Shawnee County, Kan., and was named in honor of the nineteenth century Potawatomi ancestor. However, a spelling mistake resulted in one of the 'n's being left off in the spelling of Bourbonnais, a mistake that was left unaddressed for decades.

In 2012, the Kansas Department of Transportation tore the old bridge down over Bourbonnais Creek along with the original signs with the name's misspelling. When KDOT put the new bridge up, the old signs never went back up, leading Kansas-area CPN members to push for a new set of signs with the spelling corrected. At the request of his constituents, CPN Legislator Jon Boursaw began exploring how to address the misspelling.

"At the request of Mary Peddicord-Pricket (Bourbonnais), I decided to look into getting the creek's name corrected and have signs put back up," explained Boursaw. "A year had gone by, and I had no idea that it would be such a long process to get the (new) signs up. But I believe it has paid off."

Boursaw started by looking into



Boursaw and Jim Coder, a descendant of the creek's namesake, unveil the new sign.

the process of renaming the creek with the correct spelling of Bourbonnais. He started by contacting the Kansas Department of Transportation, who replied saying that given the bridge's length, it did not fit the criteria requiring a sign be put up.

Likely due to his decades of bureaucratic navigation as a career Air Force officer, Boursaw examined the possibility of requesting the bridge be dedicated as a memorial bridge. However, the Topeka-native discovered that

in order to do this, he would have to get a bill passed at the Kansas State Government-level and then pay for the signs to be put up.

"From there, I emailed KDOT that we didn't want the bridge to be a memorial bridge, we wanted it to be dedicated as a historical site," said Boursaw.

KDOT accepted this request, though again an issue arose.

Boursaw continued, "I got an email back from them accepting our request but saying that they

wouldn't be able to change the bridge's name unless we got the name of the creek changed by the U.S. Board on Geographical Names."

Undaunted, Boursaw submitted this next request with the U.S. Board of Geographical Names. Six months passed before the CPN legislator finally received a reply this summer.

Boursaw received notifications from both the U.S. Board on Geographical Names and KDOT.

His requests would be presented to him in a sign unveiling for his efforts to get the corrected spelling changed and the signs put up.

That ceremony finally took place on Oct. 9, 2014 at the CPN Community Center in Rossville, Kan. The sign unveiling was the first of only two this year for the Kansas Department of Transportation. Along with delegates from KDOT and the U.S. Board of Geographical Names, Boursaw was joined by CPN members like Jim Coder of Topeka.

Coder, the great-great-great-grandson of Peter Bourbonnais, has done extensive research on his ancestor and is one of the main sources of history on the man whose last name is finally spelled correctly on the bridge signs. The Bourbonnais-family member gave a brief presentation of his research following the signs' official unveiling before Boursaw spoke on his yearlong effort.

"We are pleased with the cooperation of KDOT with their effort to get this request done," explained Boursaw. "We also appreciate the original request from the Bourbonnais family that set this whole thing in motion. For the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, this continues the recognition that our ancestors once lived here in the area," concluded Boursaw.

CPN secures Tribal Reentry Grant



Staff Attorney for Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Michael Radmilovich, speaks during the Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Reentry Alliance meeting, March 2014.

Oklahoma locks up more women than any other state according to a 2010 statistic by The Sentencing Project. According to the same study, Oklahoma ranks third in the nation for incarcerated people and imprisons citizens at a higher rate than other states. Yet once those individuals serve their time, they are often returned to society without the skills and opportunities that many take for granted.

To help smooth this transition, there is help for those just leaving prison. Assistant Director of Employment and Training, Margaret Zientek, heads the

Mno Bmadzejek Reentry and Diversion Program at CPN, now entering its third year. The program helps guide, instruct and encourage ex-prisoners and individuals headed in that direction to get their lives back on the right path.

"In the program's history, only one out of 54 individuals who participated relapsed," said Zientek. "It takes an ex-prisoner two years to get adjusted to normal life and with that, the new grant will oversee the success of the clients."

Zientek, a Tribal member, recently completed the lengthy application process that helped secure funding for the program. Along with

assistance from the CPN Self-Governance Office, the Tribe, through the 2014 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Reentry and Diversion Program award, will continue to assist these individuals' lives in their time of need.

This year's grant has some changes from previous years. Whereas the program previously could only help individuals coming out of prison, the 2014 grant also allows assistance to individuals on the path to prison. Another added dimension to the grant will allow ex-prisoners to help with mentoring people away from a criminal lifestyle. The grant is worth nearly \$750,000 and will run from Oct. 1, 2014 to Sept. 30, 2017.

CPN secures grants for the Department of Environmental Protection and Historic Preservation Office

CPN's Department of Environmental Protection recently secured funding for the next fiscal year through a Performance Partnership Grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The grant combines funds from EPA's Indian General Assistance Program and Clean Water Act Section 106 Tribal Water Pollution Prevention Program. DEP will use the funds to conduct monthly baseline surface water monitoring at 13 sites for physical, chemical and biological water quality parameters, develop tribal water quality standards and technical training of staff. Grant funds will also ensure quality control compliance, including inspections of above and below ground storage tanks at tribal facilities.

"The Tribe has worked hard to build capacity to protect and manage its own environmental and natural resources. With the support of Tribal Administration and EPA

grants, significant strides have and continue to be made in advancing from a basic Tribal environmental program to one that our federal partners call when other tribes need help with program development," said CPN Environmental Department Assistant Director Shawn Howard.

The CPN Department of Environmental Protection was created in 2006 to protect the environment in Citizen Potawatomi Indian Country for the health, safety and welfare of its citizens and other residents. The Tribe is actively pursuing federal delegation of environmental regulatory programs through the Treatment in the same manner as a State Process. In 2009, CPN took a significant step in that process after negotiating an environmental cooperative agreement with the State of Oklahoma, the first of its kind for a tribe.

CPN's office of Self-Governance

also secured funding for the Tribe's Historic Preservation Department. Dr. Kelli Mosteller, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Jeremy Arnette, Assistant Tribal Historic Preservation Officer work to ensure culturally significant sites or associated objects are not to destroyed or disturbed.

"The historic preservation office allows the Nation to protect our cultural resources on trust property rather than relying on the state to have our best interests at heart," explained Arnette. "We monitor our known historic sites and are constantly on the lookout for others. Without this, the safety of these places would be dependent on volunteers to watch for damage and disturbance."

Dr. Mosteller and Arnette work with construction teams and builders to find ways to preserve or repair these locations and items should they become threatened.



Micah Isaacs of the CPN DEQ tests water at Wes Watkins reservoir.

Language with Randy

By Randy Schlachtun,
CPN Language Instructor

This November, the CPN Child Development Center and the CPN Language Department will again host the Potawatomi Language Bee. This event is a source of pride and excitement for students, parents and teachers. Students at the child development center have opportunities to display language skills throughout the school year, but

many of those activities, which include graduation and the Christmas program, occur during the work day and only a limited number of parents can attend.

To remedy this conflict, we decided to hold the Potawatomi Language Bee to create a fun, yet competitive, forum convenient for parents and guardians to see their student speak our language.

We wanted to create a new avenue of student-community involvement

after a group of five-year-old students participated in a Native language competition in Norman, Okla. in the spring of 2011. The students won third place in the competition and proudly brought home a trophy that is displayed in the CPN Child Development Center.

I noticed a significant increase in the students’ confidence when speaking Potawatomi after the competition. It was as if they no longer needed assurance it was ok to speak Potawatomi because they had the awards to prove it.

The Potawatomi Language Bee will allow the students to showcase their language skills to their friends and family, as well as compete for prizes. Depending on the children’s age and fluency, they will be asked to translate words and phrases from Potawatomi to English, as well as formulate simple sentences in Potawatomi.

Some of the prompts will be more challenging than last year because



2013 Potawatomi Bee Emcee Randy Schlachtun and CDC Director Donnette Littlehead present an award to Joshua Peltier.



Emcee Schlachtun asks Aziza Ayodele a question at the 2013 Potawatomi Bee.

the kids’ skills have improved dramatically since that time. The children are capable of learning so much more than what I was giving them. In the middle of the school year of 2012 I noticed that the group of kindergarten students were excelling faster than the curriculum developed for them, so I decided to teach them simple sentence structure. This is a skill many adults have trouble learning, but three-year-old children can learn them in two weeks’ time.

Of course, none of this would be possible without the cooperation of the staff at the CDC, especially Director Donnette Littlehead. A big migwetch to her!

The 2014 Potawatomi Language Bee will take place Thursday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. in the CPN Child Development Center. If you have any questions please contact me at 405-878-5830 or randy.schlachtun@potawatomi.org.

Old and new faces at FireLodge Youth and The P.L.A.C.E.

By Darin Greene,
Coordinator of the FireLodge Youth Program

After a great start to back to school, we are still very excited to see the faces of our old and new youth.

We started The P.L.A.C.E. 100 mile challenge with 100 percent of our youth involved. As mentioned in last month’s tribal youth update, on Sept. 29, we kicked off a new contest for all our youth, both male and female, on National Women’s and Girl’s Health Fitness Day. The contest, called the P.L.A.C.E 100 Mile Program, encourages fitness by challenging each youth to walk 100 miles over the next few months. All the walking will be done at the P.L.A.C.E gym, and participants have until Dec. 1 to complete it. Those youth who do complete it will receive a t-shirt that reads “I survived the

P.L.A.C.E 100 mile challenge!” We even had one young man do four miles in one day!

October was anti-bullying month so we challenged the youth to make anti-bullying posters and a video. The winner will receive a grand prize which will be announced in a later edition.

Oct. 16 was The P.L.A.C.E. Carnival! We had Extreme Inflatables, human bowling, and a collision course. There were tons of prizes. More than 200 people came through and we raffled off giant stuffed animals, a Keurig coffee maker, and a 27-inch flat screen TV.

The youth also enjoyed reward days going to FireLake Bowl with snacks from Subway, movie day at the P.L.A.C.E., and fun day at the park.

November will be just as exciting.

It is Native American Heritage Month. Some of our activities will include:

- Mondays in November – Native American art
- Nov. 3 – Drum making
- Nov. 12 – Native Dancing
- Nov. 13 – Veteran’s Day Assembly
- Nov. 19 – Native Beadwork and Stickball
- Nov. 26 – Thanksgiving Dinner

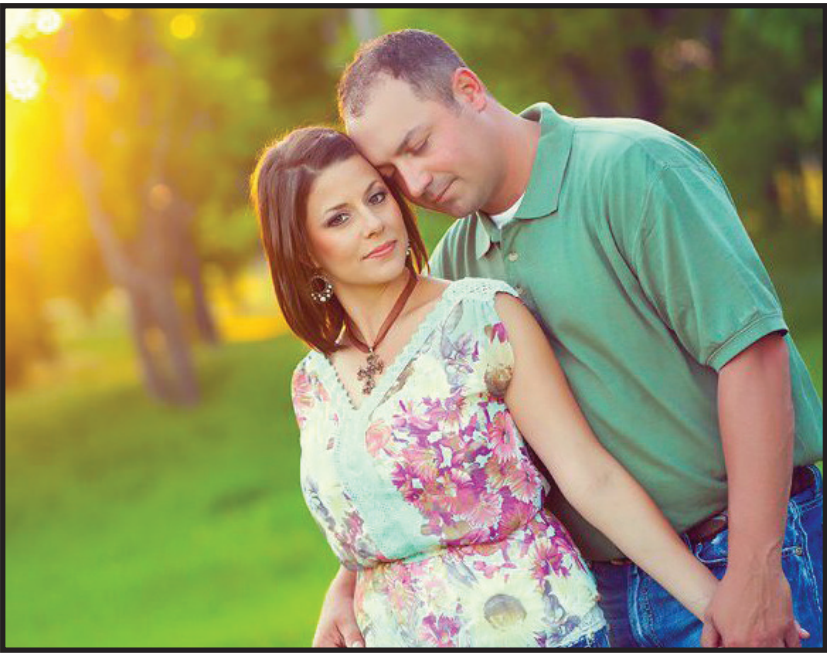
Our reward days for November will include bowling, skating, and a movie day.

The latest Tribal Youth meeting was held on Oct. 27 with FireLodge Youth Council President Trae Trousdale. If you know a youth, aged between 12-17, who might be interested in learning more about FireLodge Youth, please contact me at dgreene@potawatomi.org or call The P.L.A.C.E at 405-215-5110.



Tribal youth member Brian Richardson takes a spin during the FireLodge Youth Carnival.

Crack your crick and get your fix with Dr. Jacob Leba



Jacob and Natalie Leba.

Community Development Corporation believing in me,” said Dr. Leba. “We were turned down numerous times in our attempt to get a startup loan. If you work with them, together you can make your dreams come true, as mine have.”

A large part of his growing business comes in being able to eliminate problems his patients have suffered from neck, back, shoulder, elbow and headache pain. The focus of Leba Chiropractic ranges from sports medicine to nutritional counseling and provides both B12 nutrient injections and homeopathic anti-inflammatory injections.

“We have also been fortunate enough to help many collegiate and high school athletes perform at a higher level without joint and pain stiffness,” stated Dr. Leba.

Dr. Leba played baseball at Seminole State College and Southeastern Louisiana University. In order to perform to the best of his abilities during his own time on the field, Dr. Leba saw a chiropractor. These experiences as a patient of sports medicine are what initially drew his interest to becoming a chiropractor.

Upon graduating from Southeastern Louisiana University he then went to Parker University to receive his degree as Doctor of Chiropractic (DC).

Far removed from the sports field, Dr. Leba says his main priorities are God, family and then work. He credits his success to God for giving him the chance to do what he loves daily and to his family for being his rock through everything. Dr. Leba has been married to CPN Tribal member Natalie Schmidtkofer Leba for nine years and together they have three children, a son Garrett and two daughters, Payton and Cadence. They enjoy taking care of their farm in Pearson, Okla and spending time together camping.

“The opportunity to help improve a person’s quality of life is integrated in my work and I look

forward to helping people every day,” Leba said.

Leba Chiropractic is located at 11 West MacArthur, Shawnee, Okla. They are open Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 7 a.m. - 1 p.m. and Tuesday and Thursday from 1 - 6 p.m. Five of Dr. Leba’s staff members would be happy to schedule an appointment. Call 405-273-5433 or visit their website at www.lebachiropractic.com.

The Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation is a lender to Native American-owned businesses across Oklahoma and to Citizen Potawatomi Nation tribal members across the United States. If you are seeking a loan to help build your business like Dr. Leba or would like to inquire about a business loan please call 405-878-4697 or visit our website at www.cpcdc.org.

By: Jessica Tucker,
CPCDC Loan Document Specialist

Injuries happen all the time. They can happen at work, at home, while playing sports or doing any number of normal activities people go through each day. That’s why people like Dr. Jacob Leba of Leba Chiropractic are there to help alleviate and treat some of those injuries.

Oct. 2014 is Leba Chiropractic’s fifth anniversary of being open. According to Dr. Leba, since the 2009 opening, business has flourished more than he could ever imagine. One part of getting to that anniversary was through assistance from the Citizen Potawatomi Community Development Corporation, which loans to Native American-owned businesses.

“I would not have a business if it was not for the Citizen Potawatomi

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Home: Tribal election notice

Tribal election season is underway again as Citizen Potawatomi Nation voters get set to elect candidates for three legislative seats, all based in Oklahoma.

District 10, 11 and 13 are all on the ballot for the election, which will take place at the Family Reunion Festival in Shawnee, Oklahoma on June, 27 2015.

Those seeking legislative seats must live within Oklahoma. Legislative seats 10, 11 and 13 are all located in Oklahoma, but have no specific geographic limits inside the state. Therefore those wishing to contest a specific seat must indicate which legislative position that they are running for.

Only CPN members who are 18 or older as of Election Day will be

eligible to vote. All eligible CPN voters living in Oklahoma can vote for each individual candidate in legislative seats 10, 11 and 13.

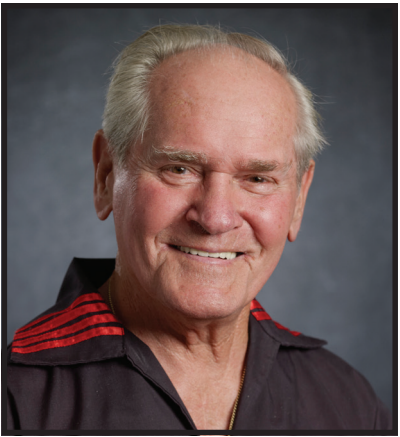
Candidates for the legislative seats must be at least 18 years old by Election Day. Additionally, they must have resided in the district from which they are elected for at least six months on Election Day.

CPN members who would like to be considered for these positions must have their declarations of candidacy in the Election Committee’s hands no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 14, 2014. These declarations of candidacy must be filed through the U.S. Postal Service. Filing forms can be requested by writing to Hownikan@potawatomi.org or

calling 405-275-3121 and requesting the Public Information Office.

Current incumbents are: District 10 Legislator David Joe Barrett, District 11 Legislator Lisa Kraft and District 13 Legislator Bobbi Bowden.

District 1 – Roy Slavin



District 1 recently held an area meeting in Roselle, Ill. at the Northwest DuPage Post 1084 American Legion post. Some time ago, Chairman Barrett suggested to the legislators that they hold their area meetings in American Legion or VFW halls as opposed to holding them in hotels. Thank you Chairman Barrett; the legion halls are less expensive (by far) and the service is great, much more friendly and personal. Not only that, but as a member I get a discount on the rent. How much better can it get?

At these meetings, we always honor

our wisest and our youngest member with a Pendleton blanket. Bob Pearl at 86 was our wisest member, Tesa Arenz was our youngest, at 11 years of age. Patricia Myers, who traveled more than 500 miles, received a Pendleton bag for the furthest traveled.

Thank you everyone who attended, it is always great to renew old friendships and make new ones. I also need to thank CPN staff member Curtis Grant. Curtis was going to attend the meeting and narrate the video “The Journey” for us. But due to a fire both airports in Chicago were closed and Curtis spent the weekend in Tennessee.

“The Journey” was not the same without you Curtis. Thanks for the effort!

About a year ago we closed our District 1 office in Kansas City thinking we could work just as well from our home.

Not a good idea... We have reopened the office at 6730 NW Tower Dr., Platte Woods, MO 64151.

Tentatively our hours will be from 1- 3 p.m. on Tuesday and 4-6 p.m. on Thursday and anytime by appointment.

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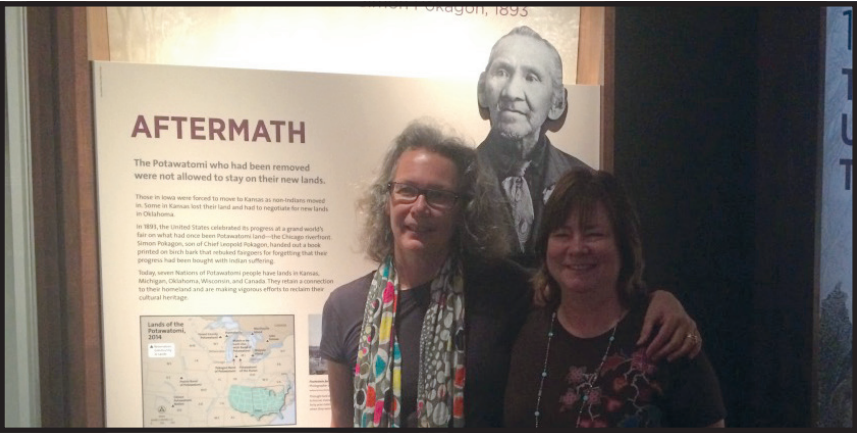
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I will close this article as always with a plea for your contact information. If you have never received an email or regular mail from me it is because I do not have your contact information and due to privacy issues the nation cannot supply me with that information.

District 2 – Eva Marie Carney



Panorama of the Potawatomi portion of the Nation to Nation exhibit.



Sharon Hoogstraten, whose photos were used in the exhibit, and Eva Marie Carney.

Bozho nikakek!

A reminder that Friday, Nov. 27, is Native American Heritage Day and has been officially recognized as such by the U.S. government since the mid-1990s. One of the states within District 2, Maryland, recognizes the day as an annual state holiday, designated as American Indian Heritage Day. I plan to put down tobacco and remember those who walked before me with some quiet time and prayers, and then to tell everyone who will listen that we are still here!

Please drop me a note and let me know how you will be celebrating.

The District 2 Fall Feast will be Saturday Nov. 22, 2014. I hope to welcome many of you to the office –

the plan is to make moccasins with instruction by Don Tenoso, and to share food, recipes, family time and news. More details are on my website, and hopefully everyone got a postcard by mail!

The Nation to Nation exhibit has opened at last at the National Museum of the American Indian here in Washington D.C. As you can see from the photos I took, we Potawatomi are among the tribal nations that are the focus of this exhibit about the diplomacy, promises and betrayals involved in 200 years of treaty making between the U.S. government and Native nations. Two Potawatomi treaties will be on exhibit (loaned from the National Archives) over the next several years. I will provide more information in advance of their

appearance, and plan meet-ups for District 2 to view them together. For those not able to travel to the exhibit (it is here for the next four years), the Smithsonian website offers something of an armchair tour, and I understand that content will continue to be added. Please visit <http://www.nmai.si.edu/explore/exhibitions/item/?id=934> for beautiful photographs, treaty texts, and other materials.

While I have been the District 2 representative since the CPN Legislature began its work (this is my third term), I still don’t know about many of you out in District 2. Please write to me so I know who you are! I traditionally send a New Year’s greeting and would love to get one to you. Send an email, leave me a phone message, write an old-fashioned letter

(I love getting those), and include your mailing address so I can write to you. Our community will benefit if you add your voice.

Migwetch! Thank you for the honor of representing you.

Eva Marie Carney/Ojindiskwe (Bluebirdwoman)

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A piece of the Trail of Death portion of the exhibit.

District 3 – Bob Whistler



Bozho Nikanek,

After writing and submitting my October article, I later hosted four area meetings in our district. The first meeting was held in west Houston and, in addition to District 3 tribal members, we also invited District 2 members living in Louisiana.

Eva Marie Carney, the District 2 representative, joined us and was a great help. I made a presentation that covered an update on how our Nation did financially in 2013. We also had

hand games very similar to those held each year at Family Festival. We honored our eldest and wisest attendee, Rae B. White with a Pendleton blanket. The youngest attendee was two-year-old Victoria Hansen, and she was recognized with a smaller blanket. Marlon Macon came the farthest and was presented with a Pendleton portfolio.

Photos of these honorees and those of the hand games are planned for a collage grouping combining all of the district meetings held in September.

We headed to New Braunfels the following day, and held that meeting where we gave the same basic financial presentation and a brief discussion on the four colors associated with the four directions. This included how sweet grass, tobacco, cedar and sage relate to a specific direction as well as their relationship to generosity, wisdom and understanding, and compassion. We presented the same gifts to Dorothy "Dot" Bryan, our eldest and wisest, Chrissy Thompson the youngest, and Nancy Cleveland who traveled the farthest. You can see their photos along

with those from the other three meetings in the photo collection.

The next meeting was held in Abilene, and with this meeting being so close to the District 5 Texans, they were invited to attend. We made the same presentation held in prior meetings as well as the cultural presentation that was held in New Braunfels. Our eldest and wisest member present was Ralph Holloway. His son Kevin Holloway drove the farthest, and Kathy McCoy was the youngest. Each was presented with a gift and their photos are included with the others we honored.

Our final meeting was held the following weekend in Lewisville. John VanPool from the *Hownikan* drove in and gave a excellent briefing on the situation taking place between the city of Shawnee and our Nation. More information on this was in the Chairman’s article in the *Hownikan* last month. The 2013 financial PowerPoint presentation used at the other three meetings was also given along with our recognition gifts. Marge Hobdy was our eldest and wisest at this meeting. The youngest was nine- year-old Lily

Mitchell, and Ashley Barshaw drove in from Waco, which was the farthest drive. At this meeting I was advised that it was Ashleigh Snells' birthday. She was given a small gift in recognition of this day. Jason Mitchell gave us a quick explanation on a scholarship program that can be used for graduate school. Kent Longo, one of our veterans, spoke. He is interested in putting together a local group for our veterans. For anyone interested, please contact me and I will put you in contact with Kent. Our meeting closed a little earlier than expected and we advised everyone that American Indian Heritage Day in Texas was having their annual event at Lone Star Park and there was time to visit there before the day was out. I was also able to attend that event.

I plan to hold more meetings in early 2015 and will try to give you a couple of months' notice. I am honored to be your representative and proudly serve. My number of contacts is still substantially less than the number of tribal members living in the district. At the meetings, several members said they didn't receive the mailing

announcing the meetings.

The address we have for you at tribal rolls is what is used for the mailings. Please send them an address update to ensure your correct mailing address is on file. I would also appreciate having an email contact for you. I send out some information that needs to get out before the next *Hownikan*, and without your email address, I'm unable to provide you with that update.

Bama pi,
Bob Whistler/Bmashi (He soars)

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District 4 – Jon Boursaw



Veterans Day open house: I will hold an Open House for CPN Veterans, including veterans who are spouses of CPN members, and their families on Tues., November 11, 2014 from 9-11 a.m. in the District office at 2007 SW Gage in Topeka. RSVPs are not required but I would appreciate a call or e-mail so I have an idea of how many to expect.

Medical equipment and supplies: Our Senior Support Network staff in Rossville has been blessed with a donation of a large amount of medical

equipment and supplies. This donation came from the Community Action Program in Topeka, who needed to downsize their inventory. The staff received walkers, wheelchairs, canes, toilet risers (with and without arms), shower chairs and several other pieces of durable medical equipment. They also have an extensive inventory of incontinence supplies of various types and sizes. These items are available to all Tribal members in our district, regardless of age. If you or a member of your family have a need for such equipment or supplies contact Tracy or Pam at 785-584-6171.

Recent activities: The past several weeks have been very busy. In addition to hosting two District meetings in September, my schedule has included:

- September 20: I attended the Trail of Courage Festival in Fulton County, Ind. with several other members of the Nation. I was invited to the Courage Festival to represent the Bourassa family which was recognized as the 2014 Honored Family. This annual

event is held very near to Twin Lakes, Ind., which was the site of origin of the Potawatomi Trail of Death in 1838.

- September 26: I gave a CPN history presentation at a symposium hosted by the Kanza Chapter of the Oregon/California Trails Association in Marysville, Kan. The symposium also included presentations by the Kanza, Otoe and Pawnee Nations.
- October 4: I again gave my presentation at an event in Ottawa, Kan. hosted by the Franklin County Historical Society called “Native Neighbors from Freedom’s Frontier’s Past.” A large portion of Franklin County was in the boundaries of the Sugar Creek Reservation, the final destination of the Potawatomi Trail of Death.

Migwetch,
Jon Boursaw, Wetase Mkoh

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The CPN Veterans Wall of Honor.

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District 5 – Gene Lambert



Living in Arizona and living out our Citizen Potawatomi pride, I am more aware of the Native American communities and the different ways we all express our Native heritage by seeing the differences in regalia created today as opposed to the way it used to be. All of this done while at the same time holding on to traditions of our ancestors.

So many things were not available originally, so what we seem to be doing now is bringing forward the old and adding who we are today side-by-side. Awesome!

I watch graduations with Native Americans in their regalia, and the medicine wheel at the crown of their cap and gown shows they are taking a moment to observe ancient ways. I see moccasins our forefathers would have worn underneath. Brides are adding the eagle feather to their bouquet and subtly carrying our ancestors with them into a ceremony of today. There are decorative and ceremonial keepsakes hanging from the rearview mirrors of cars or the license plates identifying which Native American nation they represent.

You may not realize over 26 of our states are named after or from Native Americans Tribes. The backgrounds of these names can be found at www.native-languages.org/state-names.

Our influence has been here since the beginning of this continent and will continue, with your help, in the generations to follow. Don’t break the chain. Be sure you, your children, your grandchildren are enrolled and can carry on our traditions.

See you all soon,
Eunice Imogene Lambert

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District 6 – Rande K. Payne



Bozho Nikanek,

In my September column, I shared my experience about moving out of town into the country. Well, the story doesn’t end there. We moved the District 6 office to the country too. It’s on the same property to be exact!

While the amenities of the old office were more than adequate, our new location allows much more flexibility for cultural events, and allows practicing a traditional lifestyle at the same time.

My dream is to develop a multipurpose property that incorporates many of the things that were part of early Native American life. Of course the most important, and central to almost everything is the fire. A local Indian once said to me during a visit to the old office, “I thought you were people of the fire... where’s your fire?”

His question helped spark (pun intended) the idea of eventually being at a place where there was ample room for an open fire.

A large garden is also part of the vision for growing food and medicine. I’m not sure how well suited we are for growing sweetgrass but all the other medicines should do fine. Next year’s tobacco will be planted from seed harvested from this year’s crop.

An area spacious enough to gather for ceremony, prayer, dancing and feasting is also part of the plan. At some point there may even be a sweat lodge.

There is no shortage of wildlife here. I’ve seen several red-tailed hawks, a couple of owls, coyotes and numerous raccoons. Venice Hill is just a short walk and the view of the Sierras from there is fantastic. My grandchildren love it!

For our “traditional” Thanksgiving dinner this year, I’m planning on adding homemade Indian Corn Soup cooked on my fire pit (using almond wood ash to blanch the corn) along with maple-roasted butternut squash and wild rice with dried berries and maple syrup. All of these are George Martin recipes. George is an Ojibwe man from Hopkins, Michigan. George was featured on the Cooking Channel program “My Grandmother’s Ravioli.”

But right now we’re in the midst of walnut harvest so there’s a lot to do. Figuring out what the trees need before putting them to bed for the winter is my next task.

As always, Tribal members are encouraged to visit the district office. Simply let me know when you would like to come by and I’ll give you the

grand tour! Please note new address information below.

Remember that November is Native American Heritage Month. Happy Thanksgiving!

“Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” Psalm 100: 4

Bama mine,
Rande K. Payne/Mnedo Gabo

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District 7 – Mark Johnson



Bozho nikanek,

I was fortunate growing up, and by fortunate I don’t mean that our family had a good deal of money, or that we lived in a fancy house on the right side of town. None of those things applied to our family when I was growing up. But I was fortunate in the fact that I had a father who was involved, not only in his children’s lives, but in our Native American heritage. He lived it in his life, taught it at all grade levels and he participated in every event or organization that

sought to advance the Native American’s standing in this country. The key point here is to advance, and not go backwards, and I would like to make a couple of those key points.

If one looks back at history, and reads some of the “Report of Commissioner of Indian Affairs” from the 1800s, it is easy to see how some of the things that happened to our Tribe happened. Early on, the U.S. Government found that killing the Indian was way too expensive. On page 10 of the 1868 report, it states that “on a fair average about a million dollars each, and at the present rate on one Indian killed per month, and at the slaying of every Indian costs the lives of 25 whites, they found that it would take 25,000 years, \$300 billion dollars and 7.5 million white lives to exterminate the race.”

The high cost of Indian warfare gave the Federal Government a special interest in breaking up independent tribal governments capable of organizing warfare, and in discrediting Indian leaders who were considered “non-cooperative.” Don’t think for

one minute this doesn’t happen today.

We are the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, before that we were known as the Citizen Band of Potawatomi. Now you may have noticed a common theme here which is another key point. The Citizen part. Our elders at the time made a very conscious decision, I believe, to learn from what had happened to our people in the previous 200 years and decided to turn the tables. And by that I mean, learning how to play the game better than those who invented it. You can see it today in the simple example of the attempts by the City of Shawnee to extort money from the Tribe. Nothing like a sore loser.

Like every strong government, the CPN is not exempt from its detractors.



Mark and father Richard Benson Johnson

There will always be a few who, no matter what evidence is presented before them, will say we are just ripping off the people, or instilling some made-up custom on them that makes us look good in the newspaper.

My response would be that we are doing the best with what we had to work with after it was all destroyed. We are supporting the needs of our 31,000 members at the levels that we

can afford, elders first. And we are educating our youth, another key point, so that they can play the game better also, and carry on the great work that gets done at the Nation.

Once again, I would like to say what an honor and privilege it is to serve you as your District 7 representative. As always give me a call and I will be happy to work with you on any questions you may have, or provide you with additional information you may need to access tribal benefits that you are entitled to.

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District 8 – Dave Carney



Depending on if you read your *Hownikan* on your computer or wait for the paper copy to come, our November 15 Fall Feast may be chalked up for the history books or may be a few days away. Planning something like the District 8 Fall Feast is a bit like planning a wedding.

The venue has to be selected, the guests invited, caterer selected, travel plans made and RSVPs counted. The greatest number of CPN members living in District 8 are in Washington and Oregon, so it makes sense to hold the annual gathering either in Seattle

or Portland. This year we will be having it at the Native American Youth and Family Center in Portland. They have an ideal space for 100+ to gather and kitchen facilities adjacent to the hall. Several years ago we had a meeting here and the feedback was positive.

In 2013, we started having an art contest as part of the gatherings in Eugene, Spokane and Seattle. We will do that again at the Fall Feast.

- The rules are simple:
1. Be a CPN Tribal member with a Native American themed piece of art.
 2. Transport your entry to and from the event.
 3. Be a good sport whether you win or lose.

- Categories are:
1. Fine Arts
 2. Crafts
 3. Under 12

Prizes will be presented. Please see the mailer for the address and RSVP information. Please come and be a part of your Tribe and your district!

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DISTRICT 8
FALL FEAST

hosted by REP. DAVE CARNEY

Saturday, Nov. 15, 2014, 5:00pm

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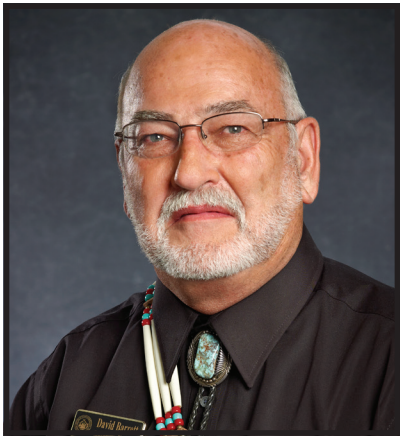
The Nation will provide a buffet dinner of roasted turkey, salads and sides. If you’d like, please bring a dessert to share.

We will have presentations from your legislator and Cultural Heritage staff. Also, you can bring an original, Native-themed piece of art to enter into our CPN members-only art contest!

PLEASE RSVP BY NOV. 9:
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District 10 – David Barrett



Bozho,

Think about these two words: “Honoring Service.”

Do you feel that the company you’re working for will do most anything to retain you as their employee — job loyalty? What about the old hand shake thanking you for doing a good job? Or is it expected without

gratitude? What about committing to a service by way of oral statement — a man of your word?

Let me get to the point that, in my opinion, is becoming alarming to me.

1. Do we seek out our elders or the older generation for wisdom? Are we so much smarter that we need not ask their opinion in this new technology-driven society? What about all their service in life’s battles, enduring the road of hard knocks already? Do you think that they might have some insights on how to send us on our way with more accuracy?
2. Let’s look at our military and parents together. Is our promise to do something followed up with action? Have we weakened the lessons we have learned over time through parenting to a modern form of teaching and disciplining our children? What are other

countries in the world beginning to feel about our nation becoming too politically correct?

3. It seems that some of our younger generations have less appreciation and respect than past generations as to what sacrifices they made in order for the now generation to have the privilege and material things that they enjoy so much.
4. You hear comments about there being a lot of jobs not filled due to not enough people wanting them. Have the work ethics for this younger generation changed from when we were in their shoes? Do they want to skip the working slots and become bosses without first earning their internship as a worker? The other day I was trying to get day laborers on three projects. This turned out to be a nightmare. A group of young individuals said that they could do the job, but staying focused, showing up the

next day, or even staying the whole day was an issue. You try to help people out and find out that they want high pay without doing the job. Has the drug and alcohol culture affected them so much that they’re only looking for handouts, unemployment, food stamps and something for nothing? What’s sad is, they even misuse these.

5. How do we measure the idea of political correctness in our society? We are so conscious of saying the right thing that we don’t even describe the reality of what’s going on and how to deal with it. Evil exists in this world and we need to state it and call it out in terms that are clear and to the point. As a child, I’m sure my parents didn’t feel that they won any points from me when they spanked me, or told me no, or even took away some of my privileges. But you know they gained my respect because they told me the truth and didn’t whitewash it.

Have we moved our society forward in a good way, or have we caused our society to endure more problems? This is your call. How you will respond?

This may appear that I’m down on our younger generation. To the contrary, there is a small segment that seems to bring these questions to the forefront.

It goes without saying that it is both a pleasure and an honor to serve you and our great Nation.

Migwetch,
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(Sits with the Spirit)

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District 13 – Bobbi Bowden



Bozho Nikan,

The holidays are fast approaching. It is a great time to start some new traditions and to support our Tribe’s enterprises.

FireLake Gift Shop is located in the CPN Cultural Heritage Center. FireLake Gifts features a variety of exquisite Native American gifts including handcrafted beadwork, jewelry, clothing, feather work, flutes, books, art and Pendleton Woolen Mills products. Additionally, seed beads, cut beads, Chainette fringe and American Brand wool broadcloth are available. You may also shop online at www.giftshop.potawatomi.org.

One of the best ways to honor someone and show your respect is the gift of a Pendleton blanket. Each of their blankets have a special meaning. The staff at FireLake Gifts will be happy to help you select the right one for someone special in your life. It is a gift that will be cherished and passed down for years to come.

If you have family from out of town visiting for the holidays it is a great time to take them to see the progress of our Tribe. The CPN Eagle Aviary is a wonderful place to take family members. Tours are available by appointment. Please call 405-275-3121 to make arrangements. The feeling I get being in the presence of the eagles

is one I am not able to explain. Visiting with your loved ones would be a great tradition to begin.

Each year at this time, in addition to reminding you about the CPN enterprises, I like to take this opportunity to remind you that flu shots and other vaccines are available to Tribal members at the health clinic. Also, all Tribal members born on or before Dec. 31, 1976, have access to Health Aid services. Program monies are used for the purchase of prosthetic devices, eyeglasses, contacts, hearing aids, dentures, partials, crowns, wheelchairs, mobile chairs, CPAP machines, prescription sunglasses and mobile chair lifts and ramps for

vehicles. This is an annual benefit. Please call 405-273-5326 for this info.

I wish you all a wonderful holiday season filled with family, friends, traditions and memories.

If I may be of any assistance please feel free to call or email me and I will do my very best to help! It is an honor and a pleasure to serve you and our great nation.

Migwetch,
Bobbi Bowden / Peshknokwe

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Potawatomi Uniontown Lament

By Tom Ellis

North the grass bends on the southern breeze
Grasshoppers click and fly at his knees
On a branch of plum the meadowlark calls
A cottontail darts where dripping spring falls
From hilltop he watches the red spot of sun
Silhouette coyote far away on the run

His buckskin leggings are stained nearly black
A red sash and a long knife secured at his back
His brown topcoat is coarse Mexican wool
His moccasins from hide of an old longhorn bull
He wore a calico shirt from his mother’s hand
And an old felt hat with a rattlesnake band

In the sunset he remembers his time as child
In a Jesuit school - White ways oft beguiled
Decades past – he hardly remembered when
As young his band had been called Mission
He ponders his life and the times of his band

Memories slide through like the hourglass sand
In the north lakes his band once did dwell
Wars for and with colonials in stories they tell
They moved from the lakes at the point of a gun
Soldiers count victims who died on the run
To a new reservation along Sugar Creek
New farms and homes is all that they seek

In time he is moved to a new reservation
Politics trumps over strong hesitation
From the woods to the grass lands on a hill top
Overlooking the Kansas where emigrants stop
At a place picked by government agents and traders
Uniontown was chosen by the annuity payers

The band built homes on the Oregon Trail
Their ferries and mills help travelers travail
Some thought they began to prosper so much
They drew gamblers scoundrels, cheaters and such

Every effort to grab their dollars was made
Many deluded watched their prosperity fade
More sickness came cholera again took its toll
Two dozen were placed in the same dark damp hole
Families too weak to place stones at their head
Many more far too ill to rise from their bed
Those who could ran from Uniontown’s curse
Leaving their land making matters much worse

Whistles far off in the dark from a slow train
Replace chants and songs of his mother’s refrain
On a hill near the graves he ponders the past
And watches ghosts as the last rays are cast
Around the old cottonwood slowly they dance
Sadness grips - if they had only been given a chance

Chairman – John Barrett

Bozho Nikan,

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation has filed a motion to dismiss Oklahoma Tax Commission administrative proceedings pending the ruling of an arbitration panel, as mandated by the Oklahoma Tribal Gaming Compact signed in 2004. The OTC is in violation of the Tribal Gaming Compact, and has overstepped its authority by trying to regulate gaming-related activity.

In spite of the expressly stated Congressional intent in the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to prohibit states from taxing or draining revenue from Indian gaming, tribes are required to pay millions of dollars to the State of Oklahoma each year. Citizen Potawatomi Nation and other tribes throughout Oklahoma have kept their word and fulfilled their commitments under the Compact, and paid the state more than 7 percent of \$3.7 billion of gross gaming revenue in 2012, some \$260 million. Tribes have also created the vast

majority of job creation, tourism and economic development in rural Oklahoma. Governor Mary Fallin and her administration have not honored their word and continue to abuse their authority in an attempt to impose regulations and taxes on tribal governments and commerce.

The Gaming Compact is very specific when it comes to resolving disputes between sovereigns. It says that arbitration is the only vehicle for resolving disputes between the State of Oklahoma and the Tribe. Any party asserting noncompliance or seeking interpretation of the Compact is required to serve a written notice to the other party that specifically identifies part of the Compact being violated. Neither the Oklahoma Tax Commission nor the state has served the Citizen Potawatomi Nation with such notice.

The motion to dismiss the Oklahoma Tax Commission administrative proceedings came after the Compliance Division of the OTC filed a complaint in its Administrative Proceedings Division on May 28, 2014. That complaint sought to revoke permits for sales tax, low-point beer and mixed beverages from all tribal enterprises including FireLake Entertainment Center, FireLake Corner Store, FireLake Discount Foods, FireLake Express Grocery and Grand Casino Hotel and Resort.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission based its revocation request on its position that the all of the Nation's enterprises are required to have a

sales tax permit to collect, report and remit sales tax in order to obtain licensing for the sale of alcoholic beverages at gaming locations. The Gaming Compact specifically prohibits the OTC from acting in a regulatory or oversight capacity when it comes to any gaming or gaming-related activities. In 1991, the OTC was prohibited by the United States Supreme Court from forcing the tribe to act as its tax collector on sales of tobacco products.

The State of Oklahoma and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation entered into the Tribal Gaming Compact on November 23, 2004. The compact language disguises revenue sharing as exclusivity while saying such a loss of revenue will provide the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and other tribe's special opportunities for tribal economic development through gaming.

The Tribal Gaming Compact predicts that the benefits of tribal gaming will extend beyond the tribal lands to the tribes' neighbors and surrounding communities, and will consequently benefit all of Oklahoma. That has happened. CPN's economic impact is now more than \$550 million per year with gaming as a reinvestment revenue source. It has allowed us to create 2,400 jobs in our rural communities, which results in more than 6,000 jobs in the local economy.

In Pottawatomie County that equates to 70 percent of all new job creation in the last 10 years. Across the state the majority of rural job creation, as opposed to private or public job

creation in our five largest cities, has been an outgrowth of tribal investment. As evidence, our growth has resulted in a decade of increased annual sales tax collections for local communities like Shawnee and Tecumseh.

In response to the OTC's violation of the compact, the CPN has also requested an accounting of Tribal casino earnings received by the State of Oklahoma for education. The Tribal Gaming Act mandates that 88 percent of all Tribal casino money received by Oklahoma must be deposited in the Education Reform Revolving Fund. According to a report released by Casino City, Oklahoma gaming revenue increased to \$3.7 billion in 2012. The Oklahoma Legislature wisely mandated this money to be used exclusively for education over and above state education appropriations. To date though, no true accounting of this huge payment has been made by the Oklahoma Governor's Office.

As the Tribal Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation I have a solemn duty to protect not only the resources of our people, but also the wealth created by them. Oklahoma receives tremendous revenue from gaming each year and Governor Fallin and her administration have a responsibility to be accountable for these funds to the educators of our state. Our schools are in trouble. State gaming revenue sharing without Congressional authority was justified to the public and the tribes as benefiting education, which tribes whole-heartedly accepted instead of

litigating as a violation of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act. Now we find the State's required stewardship of this vital education money, generated entirely with tribal investment and entrepreneurial risk on sovereign land, may have simply been a ruse to illegally tax tribal commerce.

The actions of the Oklahoma Tax Commission are not supported by the Tribal Gaming Compact or Federal law. The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act was intended by Congress to put gaming activities in the hands of tribes for their economic benefit, leaving no room for the Oklahoma Tax Commission or other entities of the state to seek additional revenue.

The Compact is solemn and enforceable. We have each given our word. Our word is not a whim to be broken whenever we feel like it. Rather, it is an agreement of trust between sovereigns, who must maintain an honorable government-to-government relationship. I urge Governor Fallin and the State of Oklahoma to meet the obligations of the Tribal Gaming Compact and allow tribes to continue creating crucial economic development and job creation across our great state.

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your Tribal Chairman.

Migwetch,
John Rocky Barrett/Kewooge
(He leads them home)

Vice-Chairman – Linda Capps

Football season has always been an exciting time of the year to me. I infrequently attend college football games; yet I am a fan of both the Oklahoma University (OU) Sooners and the Oklahoma State University (OSU) Cowboys. I usually watch the games on television with great enthusiasm. But on October 18, I was thrilled to get to attend the OU Sooners Homecoming. The outcome of the OU-Kansas State game was a disappointment for the majority of the approximate 85,000 football fans in the stands.

A portion of my excitement during that game actually took place at half time as I watched the queen and king coronation. With the massive crowd of spectators gazing on the beautiful setting, the candidates for royalty walked out on the field and were introduced in couples as they stood near the fifty yard line.

I was astounded when I heard the name Jackson Lisle. Jackson is a Tribal member who visited our headquarters just over a year ago to find out about internships. What a pleasant surprise!

I certainly should not have been surprised. Jackson is the president of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He is a senior accounting-finance major who will graduate in May. The son of Donna Sue and Todd Lisle, he and his mother are proud descendants of the Rhodd family.

Closer to our Tribal headquarters, another member of our Potawatomi



Jackson Lisle.

Nation was honored as royalty during the last week of September. Madeline (Maddie) Clark, a Navarre descendant, was crowned football queen prior to the Shawnee-Noble High School game. Maddie is the daughter of Greg & Julianne Clark and the granddaughter of Don &



Maddie Clark and her escort Josh Morgan.

Marilyn Clark. A senior at Shawnee High School, Maddie is involved in several activities and is a manager for the softball and baseball teams. Maddie plans to become a nurse and follow in her parents' footsteps since both are in the medical profession.

These two Tribal members are simply a sampling of the quality students that we see and hear about on a near-daily basis. They fell into the royalty category during the present football season, and I was in the right place at the right time to capture it all.

Congratulations Jackson and Maddie! May you go far and attain great accomplishments in your life time.

These two students are two more examples of why I cherish being the Vice-Chairman of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Thank you for allowing me to serve.

Migwetch,
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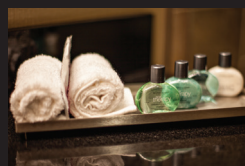
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Jeanne Elaine Payne Farrell

Jeanne Elaine Payne Farrell entered this life February 25, 1943 in Oklahoma City, Okla. Jeanne was the firstborn of six children to parents Robert Lee Payne and Betty Josephine Lane Payne. Jeanne’s father served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during WWII as a communications operator aboard C-47 Skytrains flying “The Hump” from India to China.

While her father was at war, Jeanne spent most of her early childhood at the farm of her maternal grandparents Bert and Louise Tescier Lane near Choctaw, Okla. It was there Jeanne first learned of her Potawatomi heritage. Clara Louise Tescier Lane was a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe and it was on her land allotment that her and her husband Bert made their living farming. Jeanne developed a lifelong admiration for her Grandma Lane and would remark in her later years about the years spent on the farm as being the “special years”. After the war Jeanne’s father went to work for the Federal Civil Service at radar installations throughout the U.S. and Canada. Her father’s work took the family to a variety of interesting places until he left the civil service and moved to Bakersfield, Calif. to start a trucking business. Shortly after starting the trucking business the family settled near Fresno, Calif. It was there that Jeanne graduated from Kerman High School.

Jeanne loved children and went to work as a live-in-nanny caring for the daughter of a prominent local attorney. Jeanne also provided childcare service taking care of many nieces and nephews. It was in her later years that Jeanne met and married the love of her life Robert Farrell. Robert was retired from the Union Pacific Railroad enabling them to spend a lot of time together. They enjoyed seven happy years together before Robert’s passing in 2002. Jeanne struggled with diabetes and kidney disease in her twilight years. Jeanne was a Christian and although she was physically unable to attend church she read her Bible and as she would tell family members, “said my prayers.”

Jeanne lived a full life. She was kind to everyone and was always smiling and laughing. She was a “sweet spirit” and a joy to be around. Jeanne walked on July 31, 2014. She was 71 years young.

Walking on before Jeanne were paternal great-grandparents James Madison and Mary Alice Lopeman Payne, paternal grandparents Leonard Woodard and Margaret Elaine Bryant Payne, maternal great-grandparents John Isadore and Alice May Smith Tescier, maternal grandparents Elbert Weaver and Clara Louise Tescier Lane and parents Robert Lee and Betty Josephine Lane Payne.

Jeanne walked on ahead of siblings Robert Lee Payne Jr. of Fresno, Terry Joe Payne of Fresno, Rande Kern Payne of Visalia, Calif., Sharon Margaret Payne Welch of Fresno, and Karen Louise Payne Walker of Fresno along with many sister-in-laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, grand-nieces, grand-nephews, one uncle, three aunts and countless cousins.

Jeanne is loved by many and missed by all.

Submitting obituaries

To submit an obituary, please send a word document and a 300dpi photo to hownikan@potawatomi.org.

Burial assistance

Please contact the Tribal Rolls Department for info at 800-880-9880.

Martha Sue Taylor Finley

Martha Sue (Taylor) Finley, 89 passed away on Aug. 4, 2014 in Denver, Colo.

Martha Sue Taylor was born February 21, 1925, in Wanette, Okla. to William Allison "Bill" and Mary Alice (LaReau) Taylor. Martha Sue was the eldest of four daughters, Mary Jo, Ruth Elizabeth, and Jean LaReau.

Martha Sue was the first grandchild of Louis Edmond and Martha Emma (Byrd) LaReau. At birth she was given her grandmother's name "Martha." Martha Sue is the granddaughter of Joseph and Madeline Bertrand, Alva and Julia Justine (Bertrand) Higbee, Joseph and Mary Anastayshia (Higbee) LaReau. Martha Sue was proud to be a descendant of a very strong Potawatomi family.

Martha attended school in Shawnee, Okla. and graduated Valedictorian from high school in Shawnee.

Martha Sue Taylor met and Calvin Garrison Finley in Midwest City, Okla. and they were married July 2, 1954 in First Presbyterian Church in Portales, N.M. witnessed by Jack and Mary Flynt (Calvin’s sister and brother-in-law.)

They lived their entire married life in Dallas and Plano, Texas. They were a lifelong, loving and devoted couple. You never saw Calvin without Martha Sue nor Martha Sue without Calvin. She had three children, Martha Jo, Carolyn and Calvin II.

While living in Plano, Martha obtained a cosmetology degree and would always enjoy cutting and styling hair for family and friends. She later was a secretary and keypunch operator for H. Ross Perot's "EDS" Electronic Data Systems in Dallas, Texas.

Martha sang in the church choir and Calvin served on church committees. Both Martha and Calvin were licensed Hamm Radio operator's. Martha, Calvin and Calvin II, enjoyed rock collecting and polishing. Her children fondly remember the brief motorcycle riding years; one fall was all it took to discourage Martha from being a long-term devotee. Although Martha would never admit to being a fan of pets, she was always the one to care for the family pets, Cricket, Ralphie, and Sheeba and they were totally devoted to her.

Martha and Calvin loved to travel, especially on cruises. Calvin would meticulously plan day trips. They enjoyed their time together and loved spending quality time with their close friends, the Bushes, Warners, Myers, and countless others. Martha's answer to losing Calvin during football season was to host dinner parties at the same time. These special gathering's were enjoyed immensely by all who attended and fondly remembered by Martha and her children.

After Calvin's passing December 29, 1993, Martha moved to metro-Denver, Colo. She looked forward to living closer to her son Calvin II, daughter-in-law Jamie and her beautiful, beloved grandson's Dylan and Brandon. She "adored" her grandchildren!

As a widow in Denver, Martha made some very special girlfriends. They would enjoy volunteer activities, church and travel. She also enjoyed attending the Potawatomi tribal meetings in Denver, and one year she won a beautiful shawl in the raffle.

In Denver, the residents in Oakhurst Tower fondly commented on Martha's sweet smile, hazel eyes, beautiful Texas "BLINGY" wardrobe as well as her soft spoken words of encouragement, and acts of kindness to so many.

Martha was raised a Southern Baptist; she was able to worship her Lord in a variety of denominations, including Presbyterian, Methodist and Catholic liturgies. She believed in the power of prayer and she was a witness to her family about God's love and providence. She was a strong prayer warrior for her family, friends and anyone else God brought to her mind.

Martha's ministry as a Christian was helping others and encouraging those in distress. Her generosity was renown and she loyally gave to the homeless, injured Veterans, refugees, children and humane societies and other noble causes.

Martha leaves to mourn her passing, her three children; Daughter, Martha Jo Policastro of San Francisco, California;

Daughter, Carolyn Finley and husband Edward Turley of St. Joseph, Minnesota; Son, Daughter in law, Grandson's; Calvin II, Jamie, Dylan and Brandon Finley of Denver, Colorado. Her sisters, Ruth "Bubbie" Secrest of Chapin, South Carolina and Jean Miller of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of friends.

Martha will be inurned next to her husband in Dallas, Tex. The memorial service took place on September 6, 2014 in the Abbey Chapel at Restland Cemetery in Dallas.



Stacey Hansen

Stacey Hansen of Calumet passed away July 24, 2014. She was born October 18, 1982 in El Reno, Okla. to Kendall and Sue (Chaloner) Hansen. She was a member of the United Methodist Church in Calumet.

Stacey was a special needs child that was truly a blessing and touched everyone’s life she encountered. She is dearly loved and will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Wanda Hansen. Survivors include her parents, Kendall and Sue Hansen of Calumet; brother, Matt Hansen and fiancée’ Jordan White of El Reno; sister, Jenna Bomhak and husband Cody of El Reno; nieces, Bailey Bomhak and Peyton Coleman; nephews, Bryce and Paxton Hansen; maternal grandparents, Junior and Sue Chaloner; paternal grandparents, C.J. and Faye Hansen; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; and numerous aides and caretakers. Funeral services were July 29, 2014 at the El Reno Cemetery Pavilion. Services are under the direction of Wilson Funeral Home.



Norma Mae Dike Mitchell

Norma Mae Dike Mitchell, born Oct. 2, 1933 in Nampa, Idaho to Josphed Edward and Vera Mae Dike, passed away June 19, 2014, in Meridian, Ida., surrounded by her family. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. Norma’s Potawatomi lineage came through Frances Bourbonnais and Catherine Chevalier to her father Joseph Edward Dyke Jr., who was always proud of his heritage.

I am standing upon the seashore. A ship at my side spreads her white sails to the morning breeze and starts for the ocean blue. She is an object of strength and beauty. I stand and watch her until at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud.

Then someone at my side says, “There she is gone!” – Gone where? Gone from my sight. That is all. She is just as large in mast and hull and spar as she was when she left my side and she is just as able to bear the load of living freight to her destined port. Her diminished size is in me not in her.

And just at the moment when someone at my side says, “There she is gone.” There are other eyes watching her coming and other voices ready to take up the glad shout, “Here she comes!”

– Henry Van Dyke, “Gone from My Sight.”

Those other eyes watching and taking up the glad shout, “Here she comes!” are her father and mother, sister Carol

and many relatives and friends.

In 1959, Norma married Kenneth Mitchell and they had two sons. Norma was devoted to raising her sons to be worthy men. She loved her daughters-in-law and said they were the daughters she never had. She worked long and hard to provide for her family and was rewarded with their love and care throughout her trials. Always her pride and joy were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a devoted aunt and delighted in the achievements of her nieces and nephews. She was a beloved sister who was always there to encourage, champion, love and support her sisters.

She was extremely talented in needlework, crocheting, knitting, embroidery and gave generously to others. She loved to decorate her home, and at Christmas time, it was a winter wonderland. Norma served in various leadership positions in her Church and demonstrated her love for others as she served tirelessly. She was a world traveler, sailing to the Virgin Islands, Panama, Mexico, and South America, and touring Japan and Europe. But her favorite place was the Oregon Coast. Three she spent many happy moments with her family – shopping and walking in the sand.

She is survived by her sons and their wives: Gregory and Melanie Mitchell, and their children – Steven (Mary) Mitchell, Courtney (Shaun) Blaser, Kelsey (Patrick) Denning, Hanna (James) Wagstaff, Hailey, Ryan and Tanner – plus seven great-grandchildren – Adelynn and Emerson Mitchell, Ryleigh, Roman and Crew Blaser, Leighton Denning and Jameson Wagstaff. Norman and J’Nette Mitchell and their children – Skyler, Brennan, Matthew, Gabrielle and Samantha. She is also survived by her sisters Nancy (Larry) Olson and Cheryl (Clyde) Rasband. Funeral services were June 23, 2014 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Meridian, Idaho with internment at the Dry Creek Cemetery.



Gaye Lisa Powell Tenoso

Gaye Lisa Powell Tenoso of Arlington, Va., daughter of Bill and Marilou Powell of Round Rock, Tex., passed away painlessly on June 3, 2014, in Arlington, Va. after a brief illness. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her husband Don and his two daughters: Chante Tenoso, grand-daughter Lakota Tenoso, and Olowan De Herrera, grandson Damian, and parents; three brothers and their wives: Gary and Marcia Powell of Austin, Texas, Marc and Karen Powell of Georgetown, Tex., and John and Julie Powell of Austin, Tex.; two nieces, Katie and Cody Sears of Pflugerville, Tex., Melissa and Russ Cook of Round Rock, Tex.; five nephews: Daniel Powell of Boston, Ma., Jackson, Jordan, Joshua and PJ Powell of Austin, Tex.; two great nephews, Riley and Kace Cook of Round Rock; four aunts: Gaynelle Schuler and Walter, Hot Springs Village, Ark.; Pauline Dorman, Lubbock, Tex.; Sharon Ray, Claude, Texas; Carole Passmore, Spring, Texas; two uncles, Jerry Powell of Shawnee, Okla. and Jamie Williams and wife Bobbie, Nacogdoches, Tex. She is also survived by many cousins, her best friends Woody and Nancy Hunt of Arlington, Va. and her beloved dogs, Sheecha and Hukesheila.

Gaye was born in Heidelberg, Germany on February 14, 1954, and graduated from Augsburg High School in 1971. She received a BA with a major in French from Texas Tech and her Jurisprudence of Law from Georgetown University Law Center in Washington, D.C. Prior to receiving her law degree she was office manager for House of Rep. George Mahon and his successor Kent Hance. After a stint in private practice, she joined the Dept of

Justice. For twenty-five years, she worked in the Civil Rights Division in the Educational Opportunities Section and the Voting Section. She then joined the Office of Tribal Justice, serving as the Deputy Director for the past six years.

While in the Voting Section, she received the high honor of being invited by the United States Solicitor General to sit at counsel table during the Supreme Court argument in Reno v. Bossier Parish School District. During her time as Special Litigation Counsel, she led the Election Monitoring Program to ensure the right to vote for all Americans. Gaye’s passion was to ensure American Indians were provided the same access to voting as others. She was instrumental in bringing cases against counties in Arizona, New Mexico and Utah to provide language assistance at the polls for American Indians, where she helped spearhead unprecedented remedies to provide voting opportunities for all. Along with her litigation and management responsibilities, she was never too busy to answer questions and mentor others in the office.

During her time with the Office of Tribal Justice, her expertise in Federal Indian law and knowledge of Tribes enabled her to be an extremely effective advisor on litigation and policy matters. She worked tirelessly to ensure that specific protections for American Indian women were included in the Violence Against Women Act Reauthorization of 2013. She was an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Indians and had recently been asked to serve as a Justice on her Tribe’s Supreme Court. Gaye also mentored many legal interns during her time at the Office of Tribal Justice, and was an inspiration and guide who left a deep impression on many young attorneys.

Gaye will be remembered for her lifelong passion for justice and her defense of civil rights. She was compassionate as a lawyer and a friend; a generous and kind person to all who crossed her path.

Below is an excerpt that she wrote:

" . . . to me, there is no higher calling in the legal profession than protecting rights guaranteed by our laws and Constitution, and no more important institution in which to engage in those efforts than the US Department of Justice. It has been my privilege to have worked at the department to safeguard the rights of minority individuals and Indian tribes for more than a quarter of a century, first in the Civil Rights Division and now in the Office of Tribal Justice."



Samuel Harrison McCollum

Samuel Harrison McCollum, 94, of Arvada, Colo., died on July 31, 2014. He was born March 16, 1920 in Manhattan, Kan.

Samuel is survived by his two sons Roy McCollum, Eddie McCollum and by his two daughters Lola Conlan, and Sandra Hall. He is preceded in death by his parents, Harrison McCollum, and Georgia Brumbaugh and his wife Phyllis Hagen.

His Family wishes to thank all the staff at Denver Veterans Medical Center- Community Living Center for all the kindness and love they showed their father while he was there with them. Samuel Harrison McCollum was buried at the Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver Colorado with full military honors.

Samuel Harrison McCollum enjoyed going to the casino and watching his favorite team the Denver Broncos play. He also loved receiving the Indian blanket at the Pow Wow they had in Denver Colorado for being the wisest member. Samuel had listed in the WW2 and the Korean Conflict. You can see all of his medals that he earned in the veteran’s exhibit in Shawnee, Okla.